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## REDS TRY LANDING NEAR SHANGHAI

Evacuees From  
Shanghai

### Determined Bid To Take City Appears Imminent BRITONS TO REMAIN

Shanghai, May 6.

The Shanghai Garrison Headquarters announced today that Nationalist defenders have defeated a Communist attempt to land amphibious forces in 100 small boats near the mouth of the Whangpoo River, 15 miles from Shanghai.

The announcement said the landing attempt was made near the town of Liuho, on the Yangtse, 30 miles West of Woosung, centre of fortifications guarding the mouth of the Whangpoo.

Nationalist defenders drove off the landing attempt with heavy artillery fire, sinking 10 boats. The rest of the boats retreated to the North.

A determined Communist bid to capture Shanghai—rich prize of the civil war—appeared imminent today as large Red forces stepped up their attempts to crack the Northern and Southern ends of the strongly fortified and manned Nationalist 130 miles are guarding the approaches to the financial and economic nerve centre of China.

The latest official reports indicated that formidable Communist columns are concentrating on toppling the two main pillars—Taichong (also known as Taichang) and Kashing, 30 miles North West and 60 miles South West of Shanghai—and causing the entire defence line to sag.

Up till late today, however, strong Nationalist armies, bolstered by newly arrived American trained troops from Taiwan were said to be still holding both points despite increasing Red pressure.

### Plane Trip In A Basket

Desperation is the mother of ingenuity.

A Nationalist official was stranded in Shanghai with less than one-quarter the price of a plane ticket to his home in Chungking. He suggested that the airline company take what money he had, tie a basket to one of the plane's wings and take him along in the basket.

"Don't be bothered about the risk involved. I'm willing to take that. I'm willing to stand the discomfort, too," he said.

The progress of Communist operations South of Shanghai will be watched with the closest interest here as the next few days may show whether the invaders will attempt to advance directly toward the city from Kashing or centre their next move on the strongly fortified forts of Woosung.

Control of Woosung, some distance off where United States naval units are riding at anchor out of gun range, would put the Reds in a position to bottle up Shanghai from the sea.

### Britons To Stay

Nine out of every 10 of some 3,000 British nationals still here are determined to stick it out in Shanghai, come what may. Despite the gradual approach of the Communist armies and the seeming inevitability of a change-over, the British, as a community, are exhibiting no signs of surrender to the lure of evacuation.

A survey undertaken by Reuters today, almost two weeks after the fall of Nanking—reveals the quiet determination on the part of the British to safeguard their interests in this metropolis by remaining at their posts—which embraces the whole broad field of commercial and industrial endeavour.

There is no disposition to flee; rather the survey indicates that as much as 90 per cent of the British community will still be here if and when the administrative changes hand.

Most British firms, despite business paralysis and chaotic financial positions, are still carrying on, albeit on a restricted basis—in most cases with aid of subsidies from head or branch offices abroad.

Behind the calm and collected British attitude of wait and see is an organisation called the British Emergency Planners. This organisation was convened under the auspices of the British Consul-General, Mr. R. W. Urquhart, and after the Communist armies started rolling down the Great Wall into the Northern ramparts of China proper.

So carefully have the BEP worked out their schemes for the safety of the community and so meticulously have been their regard for even off-chance details that personal worries have been transferred by members of the community to the body of the BEP.—United Press and Reuters.

### SPITFIRES FOR HK

A Royal Air Force Squadron of Spitfire fighters is to be moved from Malaya to Hong Kong to reinforce the defences there, it was announced today.

An Air Ministry spokesman said today that Beau-fighters based on Ceylon are being sent to Malaya to replace the Spitfires. The Spitfires will make the flight from Malaya in stages.

Commanding Officer of the Squadron is Squadron Leader Robert Duncan Yule, a 29-year-old New Zealander, who was a Battle of Britain pilot.

The Air Ministry said that the Spitfire Squadron, which may number anything from nine to 18 aircraft, will make the flight to Hong Kong very soon.

Transport aircraft will accompany the fighter squadron with ground crews.

The only operational aircraft based at Hong Kong recently have been Sunderland reconnaissance flying boats.—Reuters.



The APL liner, ss. General Gordon, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday with some 1,300 passengers from Shanghai. Of this number, more than 1,200 disembarked here to seek refuge from the Communist advance in China. Composite picture above shows the General Gordon pulling alongside the wharf and the North China evacuees leaving the ship.—"China Mail" photo—Story on Page 3.

## Governor Expresses Hope For Trade With Red China

Hope for the best but be prepared for the worst is the motto of Hong Kong in these troubled and uncertain times, said the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, in his address to the Engineering Society of Hong Kong last night.

"All the measures taken by both the Hong Kong Government and the Home Government for the defence of Hong Kong were not aggressive, but merely for our internal security, but if we are compelled to take firm action, then we will not hesitate to do so," said Sir Alexander.

Sir Alexander was replying to the toast "Hong Kong" proposed by the President, Mr. S. E. Faber, at the second annual dinner of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong, held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel last night.

The Governor commended the tone of quiet, serene confidence that pervaded Mr. Faber's address throughout, despite these troubled times.

There is no doubt that the progress of Hong Kong has been steadily upward said Sir Alexander, who added that at the same time "we have also had our setbacks."

He was not referring only to the period of the Japanese occupation, but also to the economic events such as the depression in the early 1930's.

Further back, there was the seamen's strike of 1922, and three years later the general strikes and boycotts during which, Sir Alexander said, he was an assistant in the Central Secretariat's Office, and had to serve as a special constable.

"So much for our past," said Sir Alexander, "but what of the future?"

Future Progress

"I believe, as I am going to believe, that we are going to continue to progress upwards in the future. 'May we shall have our setbacks as we had had in the past, but in fact it would be remarkable if we did not."

The Governor then went on to say that there was a great deal of uncertainty and apprehension as a result of what is happening on the other side of the frontier, particularly as one of the contestants in the struggle is the Communist Party of China, "and we do not know how they are going to behave."

"The question that we hear asked, and asked again and again, is are they Communists? First or are they Chinese first? That question I'm afraid, I cannot answer," said Sir Alexander.

"We do not know what their home policy, their foreign policy, and their political policy, is going to be. The last two, of course, concern us most."

"We are men of peace, and we are traders. We hope that it will be possible for us to trade with Communist China with no more irritation and restrictions than we have had to suffer under the present government."

"After all, it is to our mutual interest that we should so trade. We hope that Communist China is going to be friendly towards the

hoped that peace would be secured. And yet war broke out in a year.

"However, conditions and circumstances are now different. Germany had to have an early war or bust. That is not the position with Soviet Russia today."

"But this cold war is extremely dangerous because at any time some irresponsible fellow may pull the trigger. That is why we have to take all preparatory measures. In short, while we go on with our ordinary business, which we must carry on, we should at the same time have a constable's baton or the regimental rifle by us in case of an emergency."

"Today we are apt to forget that peace is normal and war is abnormal."

"It is in the part of peace that Hong Kong has excelled. During the course of its history it has brought happiness and prosperity to millions of people; and when an emergency has arisen it has met that emergency to the best of its ability. In fact we have a record of which we need not be ashamed, and the reason for that is simple. We and our predecessors have always believed in ourselves, and we have always believed in Hong Kong, and I pray to God we always will."

(Repeated applause.)

Proposing the toast of "The Colony" Mr. S. E. Faber, the outgoing President, touched upon what he called the engineering achievements of the year, and gave a glimpse of what he thought to be the next job of work ahead.

"We are still licking the sores of the war period," said Mr. Faber, "and have been occupied mainly in repairing and making good, and in bringing back into working order the services, both public and private, which go to make life here as pleasant and good as it must be admitted to be, and in keeping the wheels of industry turning, in spite of difficulties in getting materials in a period of world shortages."

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To Take Action

"But if it is necessary for us to take firm action, then, gentlemen, I assure you that firm action will be taken."

(Applause.)

"Of course, all the emergencies that I have mentioned are local only, and have nothing to do with what is at the back of the minds of most of us, that far greater emergency that might engulf the whole world—a third world war."

"I am one of those who are firmly convinced that a third world war is not imminent. I have been reinforced in that opinion by talks I have had with visitors from Europe, men occupying responsible positions who should be in the know."

"But although I am of that opinion, and perhaps many of you may share that opinion, nevertheless we must not be complacent about it. In 1938 when Chamberlain met Hitler and Mussolini at Munich, it had been

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## Police Officers Led Into Trap, Reports State

Reported to have been led into a trap by false information, two European police officers and a Chinese detective were murdered for arms yesterday in one of the most daring outrages in the Colony's history.

Inspector R. F. C. Olivier and Sub-Inspector Haynes, both respected and popular officers among the floating population, and Detective Wong Kam were shot dead while asleep on a police cruising launch No. 1.

The attackers were three men, two of whom were officially described as "temporary seamen" of the Marine Police Division. The trip murder took place at 2.30 a.m. yesterday when the police launch was anchored at Port Island, some 20 miles North East of Victoria

A reward of \$20,000 has been offered for information in connection with the killing. The assailants, seized control of the launch, wounded the resisting coxswain and forced him to take the launch to a point about one mile from Shataukok.

There, about nine miles from Port Island, the three men were assisted by 16 others in stripping the launch of its armament. The two "temporary seamen" of the Marine Police Division joined the Water Police on December 10, 1945. They were originally from two different Chinese villages across the New Territories frontier.

They died with the 16 others near Shataukok and have not yet been traced.

The only official statement made available to the Press yesterday follows:

"About 1 a.m. on the morning of May 6, Police Cruising Launch No. 1 was secured at anchor for the night at Port Island."

"At 2 a.m. the guard was taken over by two temporary seamen."

"About 2.30 a.m. these men admitted a third man on board and with him murdered by shooting, Inspector R.F.C. Olivier, Sub-Inspector L. Haynes and Detective Wong Kam, who were asleep in their bunks."

Coxswain Wounded

"The murderers then wounded and compelled the coxswain to sleep to a point in Chinese territory about one mile from Shataukok, where the launch was grounded and boarded by 15 men who removed and escaped with part of the launch armament."

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Seamen Relieved

At 2 a.m. the seamen were relieved by Wong Heung and Cheung Fu. Later a man swimming from shore boarded the launch with the assistance of Wong and Cheung.

They seized some arms and killed Inspectors Olivier, Haynes and Detective Wong Kam while they were asleep in their bunks.

Forcing the others below, the three compelled the coxswain to weigh anchor and steer toward Shataukok.

At first, the coxswain resisted a shot from one of the murderers in the chest. He then followed their instructions and navigated the launch of about nine miles to a beach about a mile from the New Territories border town of Shataukok.

There the launch grounded and 15 men from the underworld forced the launch. They stripped it of its armament only and a message was radiated to the Marine Police headquarters.

The first to reach the launch were the Divisional Superintendent of the New Territories and officers from Shataukok Police Station.

A message for assistance was also radiated to the Chinese Maritime Customs here.

Customs launch No. C2 and the command of Mr. H.E. Scott was sent out and assisted the police.

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### Serious Plight

The situation at Kashing is unofficially reported to be serious with three Red columns converging on it from the North, West and South but near Taichong, 6,000 Reds—according to a garrison communiqué—were routed at dawn today after a fierce two hour engagement.

One of the fiercest battles fought so far South of the Yangtse at present raging South of Kashing. An official bulletin said that the attack began at two o'clock this morning, local time, and that strong Nationalist forces have been sent to check the attackers.

A spokesman of the Nanking-Shanghai railway administration, announced that trains to Kashing were still running this morning and that all was quiet at the Red railway city of Kunshan, 35 miles West of Shanghai, where the full entered the third day.

Simultaneously, with intensified pressure against the outer perimeter of China's 6,000,000 metropolitan, the Communist armies under Generals Liu Po-cheng and Chen Kang, are pressing their double-barrelled offensive against the strategic Chekiang-Kiangsi railway.

A garrison communiqué admitted today that all contact between the 110 mile stretch between Yingling, 70 miles South East of Nanking—Western terminus of the railway—and Changshan in the extreme West of Chekiang Province.

### Still Resisting?

The cities, whose situation was described as obscure, included Yingling, Yang, Shanglo, Yushan and Changshan.

The fate of General Liu Jumin, who was directing the co-

### The Weather

At 0600 GMT 15 p.m. HKST from the Pacific anti-cyclone a ridge extends W to Formosa. Pressure is also high over W China. Between these two systems a trough extends from Hainan to E China.

Today's Forecast—Light winds from a Westerly quarter. Fair and hazy.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 87.2 deg. F. Min. 72.0 deg. F. Humidity 73.0 deg. F. Rainfall Nil Total since Jan. 1—81.2 mm. (3.18 in.) against an average of 81.7 mm. (3.22 in.)

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Bar. at sea level 1011.5 1011.1 m.b.

Rel. Humidity 78 72 deg. F.

Dew Point 78 72 deg. F.

Wind Direction W WSW

Wind Force 7 7 kts.

Visibility 10 10 miles.

High 88.1 88.1

Low 77.0 77.0

New 77.0 77.0

### Important Battle

Meanwhile an important battle was reported North of the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railroad. Red troops who crossed the Yangtse between Anking and Kiukiang are attacking the railway along a 140-mile front stretching from Yingling to the East to Changshan, 180 miles West of Hangchow, which was occupied by the Communists three days ago.

Between Wuhu and Anking Communist detachments are deploying along a 100-mile front extending 60 miles to the West of Hangchow.

A news blackout appeared to have developed today on the sector West of Hangchow where significant operations were reported to be proceeding.

On the other side of Chientang River that flows past Hangchow, 130 miles to the South West, local Communists infiltrating the countryside are being hunted down by government troops who evacuated to a new Eastern line, an earlier military announcement said.

There was no indication thus far that the Reds have made any concerted attempt to cross the Chientang since they entered Hangchow without battle early in the week.

### Isolating City

Developments on all the three major fronts West, South and North West of Shanghai showed a Communist attempt to isolate Shanghai. They have practically succeeded in doing so by rail today but commercial airlines are still operating without interruption and a few passenger and cargo ships are still coming up the Whangpoo from the Yangtse past the Woosung forts.

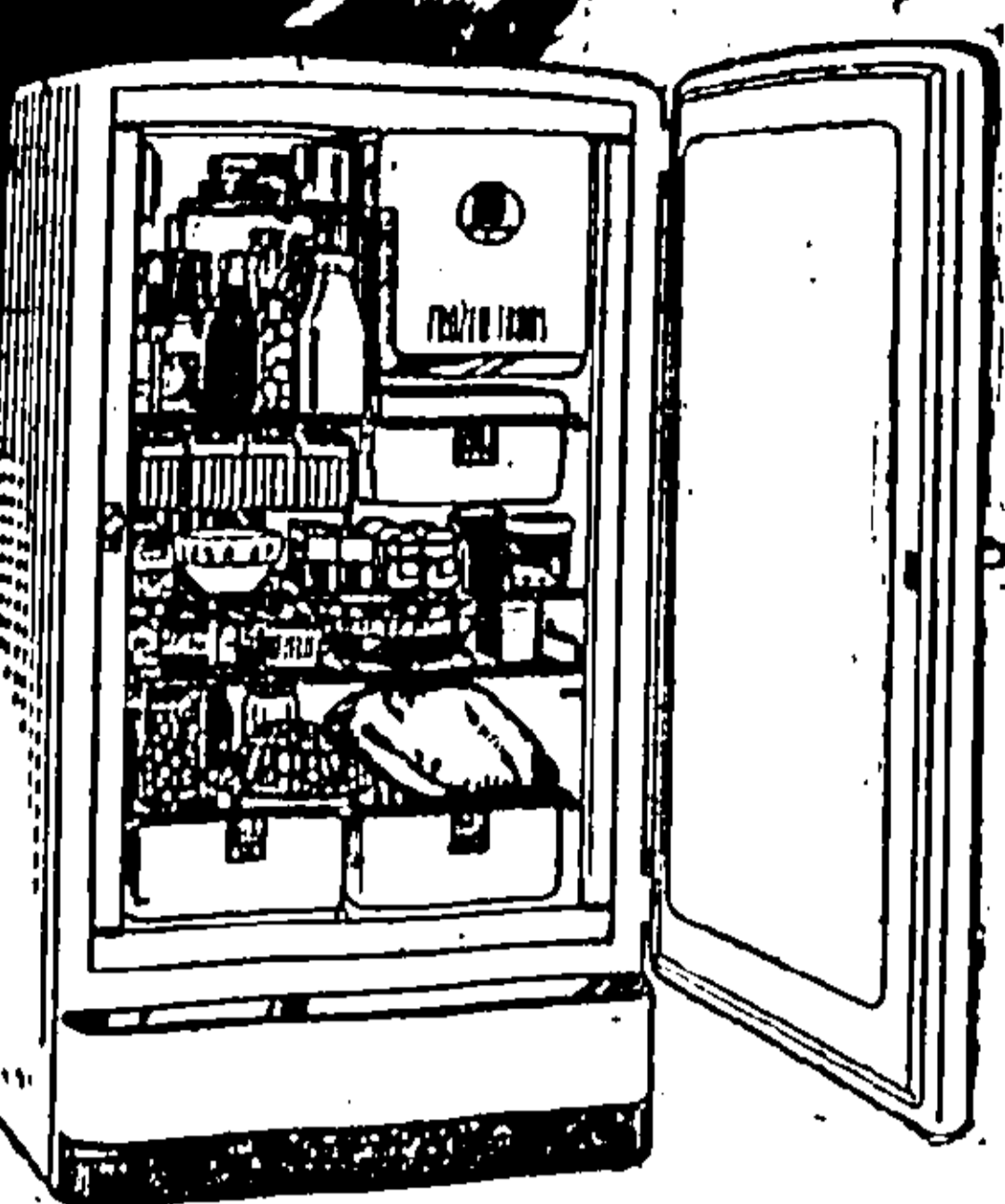
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## POLICE CONSTABLE GETS HARD LABOUR SENTENCE

### EXPLOSION ON SHIP CAUSED DEATHS

The cause of death in all cases, with the exception of a child of two years and another of six months, was due to extensive multiple injuries following an explosion, was the verdict of an inquiry into the deaths of eight persons following an explosion on a junk in Aberdeen.

Mr. P. X. d'Almeida sat as coroner in the inquest of Chow Fat-lee, aged 60, a boatman and seven other persons including a child of two years and another six months.

Inspector Galvin conducted the inquiry said that at 6.20 a.m. on February 24, there was a violent explosion on a Junk IV boat in Aberdeen. The boat was blown up and disintegrated. Another boat that was near was badly damaged. There were 10 people on board the boat of which eight perished. There was a large stick of dynamite on board the junk. Two of the survivors cannot be located. The cause of death to the two children was due to drowning.

### Hard Labour For Larceny

Two years' hard labour was imposed at Kowloon yesterday on Tsang Mun, aged 28, unemployed, who had been in the Colony for only two days when he was arrested.

Inspector J. H. Evans told Mr. Blair-Kerr that defendant had committed two acts of larceny from premises not 20 yards apart with less than half an hour separating the two acts.

Complaint was to Yiu Ming. He stated that he was awakened in his house at Shek Kip Mei Village and discovered that the window netting had been cut open.

He further discovered an assortment of things missing and saw defendant rummaging in two suit cases. He pounced on defendant and raised the alarm.

Defendant's method of entry was the same in the second larceny.

Defendant pleaded guilty and asked the court to send him back.

"You will certainly be sent back where you came from," said Mr. Blair-Kerr before passing sentence which included deportation for life.

### TWO MORE NAVAL MEN DIE

Lieutenant Commander Grace Hutchinson and Marine William Fisher of HMS London died at the Naval Hospital yesterday.

They will be buried at sea today from HMS Cockade.

The two naval personnel were among the casualties suffered during the shelling of British warships on the Yangtze River recently.

### GOLD EXPORT

Chiang Chu-on, aged 26, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with exporting two bars of gold weighing about 1.6 taels.

Chiang failed to appear in court and his bail of \$20 was exonerated.

His gold, valued at about \$225, was also ordered to be confiscated.

### CONCERT

The Sino-British Club Music Group gave a pleasant concert at St. Stephen's College last night attended by a large number of music lovers.

The programme included vocal items by the Hong Kong Singers who presented choral pieces with the orchestra.

"We have had repeated trouble with certain members of the Police Force who have made it extremely difficult for us in the course of our duty."

Revenue Inspector Douglas Knox said this yesterday when prosecuting in a case involving a Police Constable, charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon with being in possession of dutiable cigarettes and resisting arrest.

Defendant was Jose Gertrude Salazar, aged 30, a police constable attached to Radio Central. He was given four months hard labour.

A prosecution witness stated that he was on duty at the railway bridge at Boundary Street when the incoming train from Canton passed.

Witness said he saw a parcel being thrown over. He came out of his hiding place and saw five men approaching the parcel. When they saw witness they ran away and witness could not catch them.

Returning to the spot where he saw the parcel fall, he met Salazar coming towards him. He had picked up the parcel and was holding it.

Witness said he asked defendant if the parcel contained cigarettes. He showed his Revenue card and witness stated, Salazar knocked it out of his hand.

Salazar told witness he was a constable, but witness asked him for his identity card (he was not in uniform), defendant did not show it.

Witness then attempted to arrest defendant and after a struggle, which resulted when defendant resisted, managed to handcuff him. Witness then blew his whistle and a second Revenue Officer came to the scene. The two R. O.'s then overcame defendant and brought him to the Revenue Office in town, concluded witness.

Salazar made a statement that he had not resisted arrest. He was out on a walk, he stated, when he saw the parcel. He intended picking it up and returning it to the Police Station, he said.

Defendant admitted that he was not on duty at the time, when the question was put to him by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Defendant also stated that he had been beaten up and opened up his shirt in court, indicating some bruises.

Salazar was found guilty of both charges and sentenced to four months' hard labour. The parcel containing 8,000 cigarettes were ordered to be confiscated to the Office of Commerce and Industry.

Defendant pleaded guilty and asked the court to send him back.

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### KCC DANCE ON SATURDAY

The Kowloon Cricket Club has arranged a dance and social evening for its members and friends on Saturday.

It has been decided to allocate the proceeds to the Hong Kong Naval Aid Fund which is devoted to the bereaved relatives of the British sailors killed in the Yangtze River shelling.

The programme will include a variety of items; novelty dances, a floor show, a presentation of prize, and a number of attractions. Tables may be booked at the KCC.

### WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced.


Kelly Thum, teacher, of 46 Ma Tau Chung Camp, Kowloon, and Wong Shik-hung, of 10 Chiu Leng Street.

Hsiao (We-lee, banker, of 74 Kennedy Road, and Christina Ngan Kwan Look, of 100 Caine Road.

Jean Frantz Ang-ton, alias Joe Francis Carter, salesman, of 11 O'Beary Street, second floor, and Ho Hin-yuk.

Perry Briggs Outburth, pilot, of 14B Cameron Road, and Alla Vladimir Povorova.

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## Personalia

Air Vice-Marshal Warburton and Mrs. Warburton left by Hong Kong Airways for Canton yesterday.

Mr. R. Watkins, former Deputy Chief of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, passed through Hong Kong yesterday with Mrs. Watkins.

Mr. Watkins, who has been engaged in private business in Shanghai since the war, said that he expected to return to Shanghai at the end of the year.

Mr. Foo Ping-chang, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, arrived here late yesterday afternoon by CNAC plane from Canton.

Mrs. S. J. H. Fox, Mrs. J. G. Hopwood and Miss A. Hopwood arrived in the Colony yesterday from Swatow by the ss. Tsinan.

Departures for Yokohama yesterday by BOAC included Mr. Bernard Wickstead, Mrs. Cuthbert, Messrs. L. P. Slack, S. Redden, T. W. Sly, S. G. Macneil, H. E. Jones, A. G. Doyle, W. E. Kellner, A. M. Langston, B. J. Wallis, R. E. Boyce and D. A. Roberts.

Mr. W. D. Goodfellow left for Rankoon yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. K. J. Marshall, M. Groke and Tau Koon-to left Hong Kong for Bangkok yesterday by BOAC.

Among the departures for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC were Mrs. E. M. Watson, Mr. C. T. Steiner, Mrs. J. S. Steiner, Mr. J. P. Whitefield, Mrs. F. E. I. Whitefield and Miss Y. Whitefield.

Mrs. Anna Ming was among the departures for Tientsin yesterday by the ss. Yehow.

Among the passengers who left for Inchon yesterday by the ss. Yehow was Mr. A. Smith.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Sha, Inspector and Mrs. S. G. Smith, Mrs. D. E. Hernal, Messrs. E. H. W. Lewis, F. Bieri, A. Shamah, and John Lindley.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. S. Brooks, Mrs. Boyce, and Mrs. T. A. Butler. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. L. Messrs. O. Glenn, H. C. Tang, N. C. R. Gellie, A. D. Doyle, D. Squibb, J. P. Hicks, A. Zuerwerra, E. Bigio and B. Solomonik.

Departures by CPA yesterday for Bangkok and Singapore included Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hess, Mrs. A. M. McAulay, Mrs. Marion Linberg, Lieutenant Commander B. M. Anson, Messrs. J. Coast, C. Lister, and Lim Hong-kwong.

The text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted on December 10, 1948, by the General Assembly of the United Nations, was published in the Government Gazette yesterday for general information.

## Company, Director Are Cautioned

Fung Mo-ying, managing director of the Li and Fung Company, Limited, of Marina House, and the Company, were cautioned by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday when they were summoned for possession of firecrackers on which false trade marks were applied. Cost of \$5,000 was ordered to be paid by defendants.

The labels were ordered to be returned to complainant for destruction. Defendants were also ordered to get a permit from the Hong Kong Fire Brigade for storage of the firecrackers, which had been returned to them.

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## Judgment Reserved In Tenancy Dispute

Judgment was reserved by Mr. W. H. Latimer, Supreme Court Tenancy Magistrate, yesterday on a dispute over tenancy in connection with 10 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong.

The applicant in the dispute, Wong Kam-ling of Nanking, is asking for an eviction order against the present tenant of the premises, Miss Pansy Perrett.

Wong is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, on the instructions of Mr. F. D. Hammond.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. A. M. L. Soles is representing the opponent.

The application is based on the grounds that the premises in question were let to the opponent 18 months from February 28, 1947. An agreement was made that the opponent would at the expiration of the term deliver up the premises in a certain state of repair.

It was further agreed that the opponent would not claim the protection of any law then in force relating to the giving up of possession by the tenants.

The applicant therefore applies for an order for possession under Section 18 of the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance 1947 and means profits from September 1, 1948, until the date of delivery of possession.

The opponent admits the facts as set out by the applicant, but contends that the alleged agreement that the opponent would not claim the protection of any law in force relating to the giving up of possession is void and unenforceable by reason of the fact that it is an agreement contracted in contravention of the Landlord and Tenants Proclamation No. 15 of 1945.

## UNEMPLOYED SENTENCED

Ip Wing, unemployed, aged 18, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing a basket of clothes, valued at about \$30, from a man at a bus stop near Nathan Road and Dundas Street.

The offence was committed on Thursday morning and defendant was arrested a few minutes later in Nathan Road near Soy Street. The prosecution said that defendant had two previous convictions for the same offence. Ip was sentenced to one month's hard labour and ordered to be banished for life.

Two watchmen were alleged to have been caught asleep while on duty between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Thursday.

They were charged at Kowloon yesterday with sleeping while on duty at the Hung Hom Workshop of the Cable and Wireless Hong Kong Government Telephone section.

The case was remanded to Saturday.

## Tenancy Dispute Hearing

Further hearing of the tenancy dispute regarding the first floor of 38 Wyndham Street was yesterday adjourned until May 18 by Mr. P. C. Woo, sitting as Tenancy Magistrate.

The dispute involves an application for an eviction order made by F. P. Vasuria, P. K. Pavri, and Vasuria as executor of the will of E. R. Mogra, deceased, all of whom are common owners of the 38 Wyndham Street.

The eviction order is being applied for against Heml D. Baldawalla, of the said premises, on the grounds that he transferred the premises contrary to agreement.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is representing the applicants, Baldawalla is being represented by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton.

Further evidence for the applicants as to notice being given the opponent with regard to clearing out of the house in question was given yesterday by witnesses for the applicants.

An application for adjournment by Mr. D'Alton until one of the applicants, Pavri, who had been purged from the Colony, returned, for further clarification of evidence, was dismissed by Mr. Woo.

## Exports In Border Areas

Two areas along the Kwangtung-Kowloon border in the New Territories through which goods may be exported from the Colony to China were specified by Mr. John Barrow, District Commissioner, New Territories, yesterday.

The specifications were made under the Smuggling Into China (Control) Ordinance of 1948.

One area is at Shatukok where exports may pass through between Boundary Stone Nos. 1 and 8, across the bridge opposite Shan Tai village, known as the Pak Nine Tao Ping or Kwauw Yai Bridge, across the Shui Tai Pa bridge and across the Shan Pui bridge South of Kang Hui village. The second area is at Lin Tong across the bridge at Lin Hui Hang known as the Shui Hui Shan bridge, and across the ford in the Shumchun river.

## LADIES' SHOES

Ladies' American-made Shoes due on the President Van Buren, will go on sale as soon as they are unpacked.

There will be lovely sling pumps, beach and afternoon sandals, ballerina shoes, loafers, and other comfortable leather and crepe-sole shoes.


Colors: White, gold, red, green, and multicolors.

Prices: Popular prices.

Sizes: From 35 to 75, American sizes. (As the smallest sizes are limited in quantity, come in early for your pair.)

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**It's right for Daddy too**

**If Wright's is right for all of us**

**It must be right for you!**



**WRIGHT'S IS RIGHT FOR EVERYONE!**

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# GENERAL GORDON BRINGS 1,208 EVACUEES TO HK

## HK Naval Aid Fund

Over \$17,000 was subscribed yesterday to the Hong Kong Naval Aid Fund for the dependents of victims of the Yangtze shelling, and the total now stands at \$188,320.

Yesterday's donations:—

	HK\$
Previously acknowledged	170,820
Miss E. M. R. L. Strang	10
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. McDouall	25
Dr. I. Newton	100
Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist	1,000
Messrs. John D. Hutchison & Co. Ltd.	1,000
Mr. & Mrs. David G. Harcourt	10,000
Anonymous	1,000
Sympathiser	50
G. Sloan	20
The Talmis	10
Mr. Hodgekorth	10
European Staff Inland Revenue Dept.	220
Anonymous	25
Anonymous	10
Anonymous	20
Anonymous	200
R. M.	50
Tanaka & Catherine	20
J. G. S. Horn	50
A. S. Stevenson	50
Associated China Trader	1,000
Anonymous	10
J. M. A. Ramphal	250
W. Hyde	30
Messrs. Post Marwick Mitchell & Co.	500
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Seth	100
Messrs. Lowe Bingham & Matthews	500
Mr. & Mrs. J. Rong	50
Mr. & Mrs. M. M. Watson	1,000
Mr. & Mrs. A. St. G.	100
Walter	100

HK\$188,320

## STARTING TIMES

Starting times for men's football: Borey Golf Competition on the Old Course at Fanning tomorrow morning are as under. Post-entrance are accepted.

9.15	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	7.45	8.00	8.15	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15	9.30	9.45	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45	11.00	11.15	11.30	11.45	12.00	12.15	12.30	12.45	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.45	2.00	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00	4.15	4.30	4.45	5.00	5.15	5.30	5.45	6.00	6.15	6.30	6.45	7.00	7.15	7.30	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# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

**20 Words \$2 for 1 insertion**  
**\$1 for every additional insertion**  
**10 cents every additional word per insertion**  
 (Alternate insertions 10% Extra)  
 BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES, PERSONAL 85 per insertion  
 of 25 words. 20 cents every additional word per insertion.  
 Classified Advertisements, accepted up to 6 p.m. for publication  
 in the following day's paper.  
 Replies for the Following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

Replies will be forwarded to the Advertiser if requested on the  
 original form which should bear their name and address.  
 A suitable announcement will be inserted Free of Charge if  
 Advertiser's requirements are satisfactorily answered.

## POSITIONS VACANT

**AIR BURMA** requires im-  
 mediately experienced Ground  
 Engineers, must have thorough  
 knowledge C-47 aircraft offers  
 generous salary and good con-  
 tract. Please Reply Box No. 823  
 "China Mail".

**AIR BURMA** requires immedi-  
 ately American or English C-47  
 Captains must possess current  
 licences and minimum 3,000 hours  
 in command offers generous  
 salary and six months contract.  
 Please reply Box No. 821 "China  
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**AIR BURMA** requires immedi-  
 ately experienced Radio Operators  
 any nationality generous salary  
 and good contract. Please reply  
 Box No. 820 "China Mail".

## POSITION WANTED

**COMPETENT** Chinese Clerk-  
 Typist with previous experience  
 in General Office work. Reply  
 Box 822 "China Mail".

**EXPERIENCED** Stenographer re-  
 quires, part time 2.00 p.m. to  
 5.00 p.m. five days a week. Kow-  
 loon Side only. Reply Box 819  
 "China Mail".

## WANTED KNOWN

**FRESH** Shipment Dutch Gladioli  
 bulbs per "Agapanthus" "Gel-  
 liphant" ribbons, Gladioli bags,  
 "Lauveller" fluorescent lights,  
 Anglo-Chinese Trading, R4, Ped-  
 der Building, Third Tel. 20053.

**AUTOMOBILE RADIOS** Long/  
 Short Wave \$275.00; Long Wave  
 only \$250.00. Including aerial,  
 excluding fitting. U. SPALINGER  
 & Co. Ltd., Tel. 26774, 31268.

**JUST ARRIVED, "WREN"** Har-  
 moniums, Electric Metronomes,  
 "Aeolian" Portable Record  
 Changers, Goldring Super Pick-  
 ups, "Archery" "Sonority"  
 "Golden Strad" Strings for Violin,  
 Double Bass, Viola, and Sapphire  
 Jewel Point Needles, King's Music  
 Company, 5, Chiu Lung Street,  
 Telephone 30439.

**DRESSES** (All Kinds of Material)  
 best styled at competitive prices  
 from H.K. \$25.00 up satisfaction  
 guaranteed inspection cordially  
 invited at Long Kee Ladies Tailor  
 No. 31D Peking Road Nathan  
 Road Corner.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

**MAY BE BOOKED AT THE**  
**SWINDON BOOK STORE, 25**  
**NATHAN ROAD, TEL. 59327**

**WEDDING DRESSES**, Just arrived  
 lovely bridal gowns in Marquise  
 sheers with satin slips, also bridal  
 gowns of beaded satin, and of  
 lace. Mrs. DOBRY Ltd. 221-222  
 Gloucester Bldg. 2nd Floor. Orders  
 Taken.

**RENOVATE DRESSES**—Large  
 selections of Summer Dresses in  
 cool washable materials. 503  
 Victoria House, 5 Wyndham  
 Street.

**CARPETS, RUGS, UPHOLSTERY**,  
 cleaned in your own home by  
 modern, convenient DURACLEAN  
 SERVICE. Tel. 24408. Agent,  
 George Lin & Co. 202 Bank East  
 Asia Building.

**LADIES** we have at your service  
 all specialized operations for  
 Helene Curles Cool Waves,  
 machineless oil perms hairdressing  
 and manicure—ROSE MARIE Beauty  
 Parlour—Phone 50384-45, Han-  
 kow Rd., Kowloon.

**RUGS** Peking Art Rug Co.,  
 Wholesale & Retail, Room 8-9  
 Lucky Apartment Corner of  
 Hankow & Peking Road, Kowloon.

**CARPETS & RUGS**—Genuine  
 Peking and Tientsin, lovely de-  
 signs and colourings, various sizes.  
 Come and inspect at The China  
 Rug Co., Kayamally Building, 4th  
 Floor (Opposite Hong Kong  
 Hotel) Queen's Road, Central.

## PREMISES WANTED

**YOUNG** English speaking Chinese  
 Lady requires room, or to share,  
 with or without meals. Reply  
 Box No. 824 "China Mail".

## DANCING LESSONS

**BALLROOM DANCING**—"Made  
 Easy" Learn QUICKLY and  
 surprise your friends! Make  
 your DANCING enjoyable by  
 learning RUMBAS, SAMBAS,  
 TAMBO and JITTERBUG (Jive).  
 Enquiries (1-3 P.M.)—TONY  
 HUDSON, 512 China Building.

## WANTED TO BUY

**WANTED** to buy Typewriters,  
 perfect condition, One Underwood  
 12" one Hermes Baby. Reply  
 Box 825 "China Mail".

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE**: One Silent Night  
 Refrigerator in perfect running  
 order. Apply Beten's Beauty  
 Salons, Tel. 33161, or 2 Pratt  
 Buildings, 1st Floor, Tel. 56007.

**TAMARA MAY** 503 Peninsula  
 Hotel. New consignment Summer  
 Wedges, Heel Shoes in White,  
 Brown/White, Blue/White Suede,  
 White Linen, Etc. In stock  
 Summer Dresses, Blouses, Skirts,  
 Shorts, Etc. Orders Taken.

**PILOT RADIO**: Putting the em-  
 phasis on Shortwave Worldwide  
 Reception, every Pilot has more  
 than a quarter of a Century's  
 experience built into it. "The  
 Standard of Excellence" motto  
 has been proudly maintained!  
 Demonstration without obligation.  
 Colonial Agencies, Teakoochoy  
 Bldg., 14 Queen's Road, Phone  
 26310.

**HONG KONG & DIRECTORY**,  
 (1949 edition) containing Hong  
 List, Govt. Offices, Hospitals,  
 Schools, Churches, Institutes,  
 Consulates, Services, Clubs,  
 Agencies, Who's Who, Residences.  
 It's the most up-to-date and most  
 complete of all business directories  
 in the Colony. NOW ON SALE  
 at all leading book shops and  
 "China Mail" office.

**HONG KONG FILM AND**  
**THEATRE NEWS** at 50 cents per  
 copy. Obtainable at Leading  
 Book Stores, Newspaper Sellers  
 and "China Mail" Office.

**CHINA MAIL PICTORIAL** at  
 \$2.00 per copy. Obtainable at all  
 Leading Book Stores and "China  
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**CHINA MAIL POSTCARD**—\$1.50  
 for 6 or 30 cents each. Obtainable  
 at all leading Book Stores and  
 "China Mail" Office.

**SCRIBBLING PAD**—100 pages  
 at 50 cents each. On sale at  
 "China Mail" Mco, Windsor  
 House, Tel. 52312.

## Service Auction Rooms

**A. R. B. de Souza, Auctioneer.**  
 Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.  
 Basement, French Bank Bldg.,  
 Telephone 31867.

## LAMMERT BROS.

**Auctioneers, Surveyors**  
 and Appraisers,  
 Pedder Building,  
 Telephone No. 20224.

Orders taken for Ladies' &  
 Children's Dresses, Smocks  
 Maternity Wear, Under-clothing  
 all household requirements  
 Curtains, Cushions, Loose Covers,  
 etc. prices moderate.  
**MADAME V. MARLAY**  
 (Late of "Modern Miss")  
 National Bank Building, 100  
 House St. Room 507 Tel. 24569

**YOU CAN OBTAIN**  
**COPIES OR**  
**ENLARGEMENTS OF**  
**ANY**  
**CHINA MAIL**  
**PHOTOGRAPH**  
**AT OUR OFFICE**  
**WINDSOR**  
**HOUSE**

## THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**  
 that the ORDINARY YEARLY  
 MEETING OF SHARE-  
 HOLDERS will be held in the  
 Board Room of the Company,  
 Room No. 308, Queen's Build-  
 ing, Hong Kong, on Thursday,  
 the 10th May, 1949, at noon for  
 the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

**NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY**  
 GIVEN that the TRANSFER  
 BOOKS OF THE COMPANY will  
 be closed from the 10th May,  
 1949 to the 10th May, 1949,  
 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
 Directors.

R. G. CRAIG,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1949.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

**IN THE GOODS** of  
 Maximilian Friedrich  
 Otto Pfister formerly of  
 No. 3 Conduit Road in  
 the Colony of Hong  
 Kong and lately of 4th  
 P Road No. 2 (former-  
 ly 8) Politho in the  
 Republic of China,  
 Doctor of Medicine,  
 deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**  
 that the Court has by virtue of  
 Section 58 of the Probates Or-  
 dinance 1897, made an Order  
 limiting the time of creditors  
 and others to send in their  
 claims against the above estate  
 to the 30th day of May, 1949.

All creditors and others are  
 accordingly hereby required to  
 send in their claims to the  
 undersigned on or before that  
 date.

DATED the 5th day of May,  
 1949.

JOHNSON, STOKES &  
 MASTER,

Solicitors for the Executrix of  
 the Will of the abovenamed  
 deceased.  
 Hongkong & Shanghai Bank  
 Building, Hong Kong.

## Police Officers Led Into Trap, Reports State

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### Take Finger Prints

Ambulances were sent out to  
 Taiipo to await the wounded and  
 killed. Police officials also visited  
 the launch and took photographs  
 of the boat, the bodies and the  
 area.

Finger prints left behind on  
 the woodwork of the launch by  
 the attackers and the accom-  
 panies were also recorded.  
 The No. 1 police launch un-  
 damaged, returned to Taiipo under  
 her own steam.

The coxswain, 52 years old, has  
 been admitted to the Kowloon  
 hospital for treatment. He has  
 suffered a considerable loss of  
 blood.

Inspector Oliver comes from  
 Newcastle, Scotland. He was the  
 coxswain of the Marine Police and  
 well known and respected by the  
 Chinese villagers of the district  
 patrolled by his launch.

He was 51 years of age and  
 joined the Hong Kong Police in  
 August, 1932 after service in the  
 first World War with the Royal  
 Engineers.

He held the Colonial Police  
 Long Service Medal and First  
 Bar. He received Commendations  
 from the Governor on three occa-  
 sions and from the Commissioner  
 of Police on six occasions in ad-  
 dition to several creditable entries  
 in his Record of Service.

He is survived by his wife,  
 Mrs. Ada Mary Oliver, daughter  
 of the late Mr. W. G. Pepperell,  
 and a son and daughter in Eng-  
 land.

He was due to retire from the  
 Police Force in August and had  
 planned to settle down in Aus-  
 tralia.

Sub-Inspector L. Haynes, who  
 comes from Bristol, was second in  
 command of No. 1 launch. He was  
 35 years of age and joined the  
 Hong Kong Police in February,  
 1934.

After service at several Hong  
 Kong Stations he was posted to  
 the Marine Police in 1935.

He was also well known, re-  
 spected and popular among all  
 the floating population.

He is survived by his wife and  
 a one-year-old son both in Hong  
 Kong. His elder brother, Sub-  
 Inspector A. E. Haynes, retired  
 from the Police Force last year,  
 and went to Australia.

Funeral arrangements will be  
 made today.

Yesterday the flag at the Police  
 Recreation Club was flown at half  
 mast in honour of the two officers.

**FOR - - -**  
**FINEST DEVELOPING**  
**& ENLARGING**  
**YOU CAN RELY ON**  
**金昌利**  
**Vinyl Studio**  
**ALEXANDER BLDG., H.K.**  
**OR**  
**192, NATHAN RD., K'LOON**  
**The Best in the Colony**  
**Also dealers of all kinds of**  
**CAMERAS & FILMS.**

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### Fifth Race Meeting,

**SATURDAY, 7th MAY, 1949.**

There are ten races. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30  
 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the  
 Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also  
 tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race,  
 as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at  
 the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special  
 Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Hand-  
 cap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No.  
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The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and  
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## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN EUROPE INCREASES

Geneva, May 5.

Industrial production in Europe rose by 16 per cent in 1948 and agricultural production by 12 per cent, according to the second post-war survey prepared by the Economic Commission for Europe.

The figures cover Europe except Russia. In Russia, the ECE report said, industrial production increased by 27 per cent and grain harvest reached its pre-war level.

## BERGMAN DIVORCE DENIED

Rome, May 5.  
Dr. Peter Lindstrom, husband of the screen star, Ingrid Bergman, whose name has been linked with that of the famous Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini, has cancelled his air flight booking for the United States tomorrow, Trans-World Airlines said today.

Dr. Lindstrom arrived here from Sicily today after a brief dramatic visit to see his wife and the United States last Thursday on a dash to Italy to see his wife "just to embrace her,"—Reuter.

Miss Bergman announced early today that she will rejoin her husband either in the United States or Sweden. This follows Dr. Lindstrom's statement that there will be "no divorce." Unconfirmed reports had said that Miss Bergman had fallen in love with the Italian film director and is seeking a divorce. Signor Rossellini and Miss Bergman were back today at the volcanic island of Stromboli, North of Sicily, where they are making a new film, "After the Hurricane."

Dr. Lindstrom, chief surgeon of a Los Angeles hospital, left the United States last Thursday on a dash to Italy to see his wife "just to embrace her,"—Reuter.

## DANISH ORDERS FROM JAPAN

Tokyo, May 5.

The Danish East Asiatic Company, of Copenhagen, has signed contracts for the construction of two steel ships by Japanese shipyards, General MacArthur's Headquarters announced today.

The two contracts total more than \$1,000,000. One vessel, a 15,500-ton tanker, will be built by Horima shipbuilding company at Aioi, Central Honshu, at a cost of \$515,000 for delivery in February, 1951.

The second vessel is a 10,000-ton steel cargo ship to be built at a cost of \$540,000 at the Mitsubishi heavy industries yards at Kobe for delivery in October, 1950.—United Press.

The ECE noted that the productivity in European industry appears to have risen by some nine per cent and that both increase in industrial production and in productivity of labour was greater than in 1947.

The report said the volume of overseas exports from Europe increased by 30 per cent and imports from overseas reduced by seven per cent as abnormal requirements, mainly from the Western hemisphere, diminished.

It said: "With the exception of a few countries, notably Italy, Hungary, Belgium and the Western and Soviet zones of Germany, unemployment remained very low. Continued absence of mass unemployment was a major reason for the recovery of production being so much faster than after the first world war."

**Raw Materials**  
The report noted that with the rise in production and a tendency to full employment, European countries showed gradual return to monetary stability.

The ECE report pointed out that high levels of employment will depend on the ability of European countries to purchase the necessary raw materials from abroad. Without United States assistance Europe could have financed only two-thirds of its overseas imports during 1948, it said.

The problem of overseas balance of payments remains, therefore, the report said, the most threatening aspect of Europe's economic situation even though the balance of payments deficit in 1948 was \$2,000,000, or one-quarter lower than 1947.

**Severe Poverty**  
The ECE reported that most European countries appear to be achieving greater diversification of industries in order to reduce their dependence on imports, but it noted that most of Europe still lives in severe poverty.

The report said: "Probable improvements over the next five years, or even in the coming decade, are not likely to bring about a solution of the basic economic problem of Europe—the severe poverty in which a majority of

European people live—which could only be removed through revolutionary changes in the technique of production."—United Press.

## GUN-RUNNING AIRMEN LOSE LAST APPEAL

Batavia, May 5.

The Indonesian High Court today upheld Lower Court sentences on three American airmen for gun-running.

The men are serving prison terms ranging from 18 months to four years. The High Court review of their cases was their last chance of appeal under Indonesian law.

## Professor On White Australia

Melbourne, May 5.

The White Australia policy need not bar friendship with Asia, claims Professor W. Macmahon Ball, former British representative on the Allied Control Council for Japan.

Professor Ball, now Professor of Political Science at Melbourne University, writing on "Australia and the Near North," says: "If the reasons for this policy were more fully understood abroad, and if it were applied with understanding and imagination, it would certainly not raise any major political misunderstandings. Every Asia country is jealous of its sovereign right to control the composition of its own population."

"There is no move in the East today for mass migration to Australia."

"What is necessary is not a change in the principles of our policy, but an understanding of its interpretation and administration."

"It is essential that we make it clear to our Northern neighbours that our policy is not based on any assumption of racial superiority, but on an understandable desire to avoid the economic and social implications that inevitably occur where there is a close mixture of peoples of different economic standards and national habits."—United Press.

The three men are now in St. Lewis prison, Sumatra. They were captured last September with a Catalina flying boat loaded with small arms and ammunition and sentenced in January by a Dutch magistrate in the small port of Tanjung Pinang, in the Riau Archipelago, South East of Singapore.

The American defending counsel for the three men, Mr. William H. Quasha, of New York recently appealed to the Netherlands Minister in the Philippines for the airmen's release.

At the trial the defence contended that the three men thought the arms and ammunition were for Malayan planters fighting the Communist insurgents.

The men were arrested on the lonely Dutch island of Alrabu, 200 miles North East of Singapore. The flying boat and 40 cases of ammunition were confiscated by the Dutch Police.

## Briton's Case

Carlton Hire, a Singapore Briton, was arrested on Alrabu at the same time and gaoled at a separate trial for seven years.

His appeal is now before the High Court in Batavia where a decision can be expected within three or four weeks, Court officials said.

The three men are Connie W. Seigrist of Gore, Oklahoma, William B. Hallen of Portland, Oregon, and Albert W. Onstott of Yuba City, California.—Associated Press.

## Mason's Rebuke To Bernard Shaw

Windsorham, May 5.

George Bernard Shaw told a stone mason here to stick to carving tombstones when the mason rebuked him for ending a sentence with a preposition.

The mason, Jack Eastaugh, called down Britain's most famous writer when he came to the sloppy grammar in an epitaph supplied by Shaw for the gravestone of his housekeeper and her husband.

The epitaph read: "Bernard Shaw, writer of many plays, raised this stone in grateful memory of (blank) faithful friends and helpers (blank). For many years they kept his home and garden at Ayot St. Lawrence, in the county of Hertford, thereby setting him free to do the work he was fitted for. No playwright was ever better served."

Eastaugh objected to the ending of the second sentence and sent off a letter to Shaw pointing out the grammatical error.

The 92-year-old playwright fired back one of his famous postcards:

"Stick to my text: it will save cutting five letters. 'He was fitted for' vulgar English. 'For which he was fitted' is schoolmaster's bad English. Eastaugh is putting the finishing touches on the tombstone but he still thinks it is bad English."—United Press.

## WOMEN PROTEST

Brussels, May 5.

Two Belgian left wing organisations today protested against yesterday's ratification of the North Atlantic Pact by the Belgian Chamber of Deputies.

The two groups, the Women's Assembly for Peace and the "Movement to Defend the Peace," lodged their protests with M. Frans Van Cauwelaert, President of the Chamber.—Reuter.

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## Trade Union President Shot Dead

Kuala Lumpur, May 6.

P. Veerasanan, president of the Communist-led Selangor branch of the Pan-Malayan Trade Union Federation, was fatally shot yesterday in Negri Sembilan.

Veerasanan was successor to A. Ganespathy, former Trade Union president, who was hanged on Wednesday on charges of carrying arms. Veerasanan was killed by a Gurkha patrol. The shooting occurred near a camp believed to be a headquarters of the Communist "National Liberation Army."—Associated Press.

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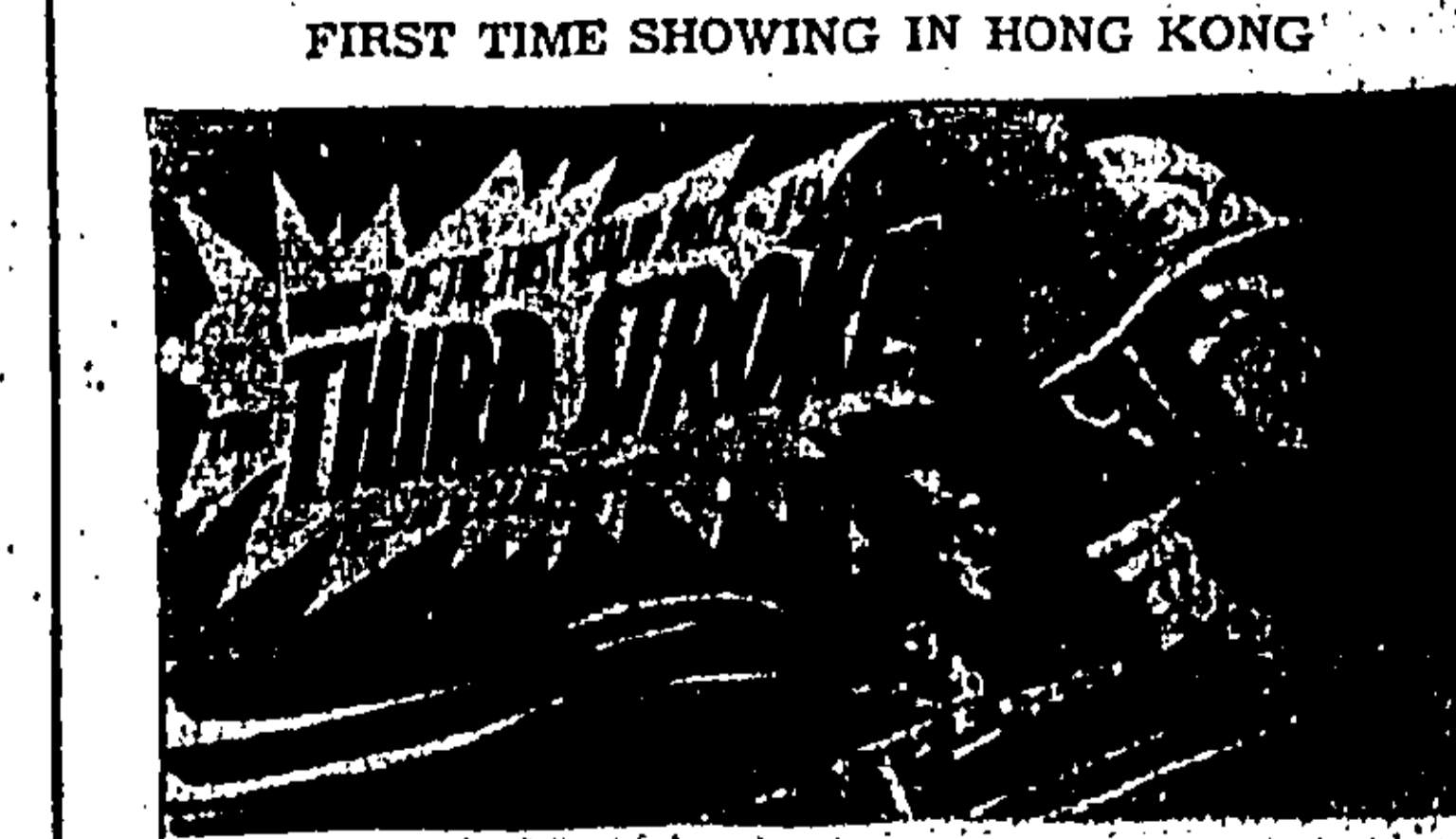
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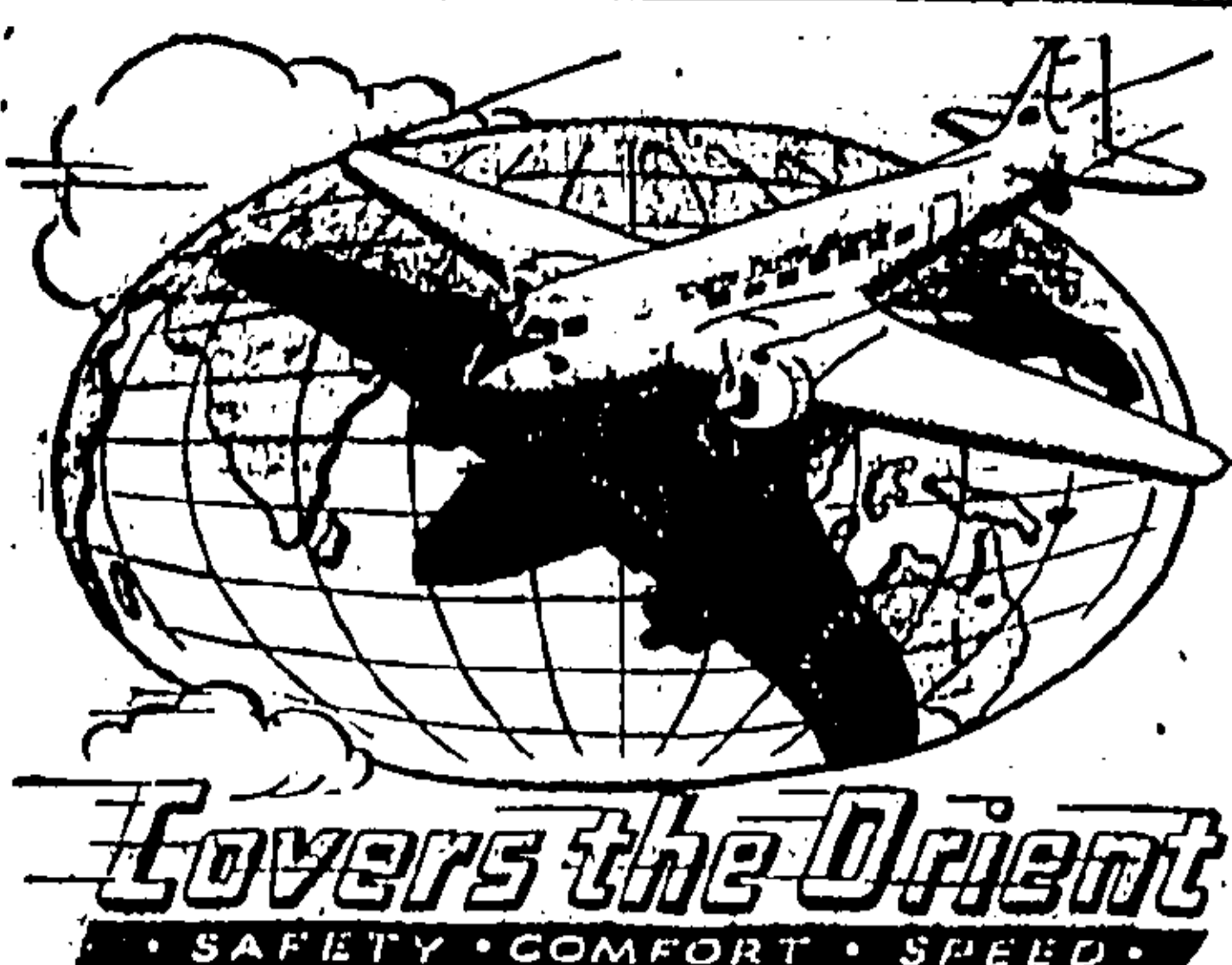
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## AFFRONT TO HONG KONG

The appalling incident at  
Port Island yesterday when  
two European inspectors  
were murdered in their sleep,  
together with a Chinese de-  
fective, while a coxswain  
was wounded and intimidat-  
ed by the gangsters, is not  
only a fiery red light in Hong  
Kong at such a time, but will  
be given indignant attention  
in all parts of the British  
Commonwealth and else-  
where.

At such a potentially ex-  
plosive time, and with in-  
sufficient evidence to hand,  
it would be unwise to label  
this immediately as the first  
manifestation of armed Com-  
munist terrorism in the  
Colony. The planned, cold-  
blooded piracy may easily  
have been the work of some  
of our familiar bandits, un-  
concerned with the shedding  
of blood if they could obtain  
modern armaments for future  
raids or simply to sell to  
other marauders for a high  
price. It could even have  
been a private feud, with  
Chinese police of spotted re-  
cords "getting back" at  
superiors, while simultane-  
ously making money for  
themselves by selling valu-  
ables to easily-contacted out-  
laws along the coast.

Whatever way one looks  
at it, the matter is one of  
considerable gravity. This  
is what the whodunits and  
the movies like to call an  
"inside job." The two ten-  
porary seamen who took over  
guard duties were presum-  
ably fully-enrolled members  
of the police force, and it  
seems they had been employ-  
ed as such since 1945. Month  
after month they accepted  
orders from their superiors,  
seemed to accept the Hong  
Kong idea of discipline,  
loyalty and efficiency. So  
much so that both Europe  
as on the launch felt it safe  
to go to sleep at the same time,  
leaving only Chinese sub-  
ordinates in charge. It is  
not fitting to quote regula-  
tions at such a time, or to  
cast reflections on the judg-  
ment of such an admired and  
experienced officer as Inspec-  
tor Oliver. But it can  
safely be said that no new  
orders will be necessary to  
prevent a similar recurrence.

In its various branches, the  
Hong Kong police force can  
be justly proud of its mem-  
bers in all ranks, but, as high-  
lighted in the Defence Force  
screening, there has been  
dubiousness in some quarters  
as to the loyalty and depend-  
ability of the Chinese staff.  
There has been talk, here and  
in London, that anything  
from 300,000 to half a mil-  
lion Communist sympathisers  
are in Hong Kong now. This  
is probably greatly exagger-  
ated. Nevertheless, if the  
Reds drive down to Canton,  
the underprivileged here are  
inescapably going to be in-  
fluenced by a Communist-  
ruled China.

This does not demand a  
witch-hunt. In fact, it would  
be quite impracticable to in-  
stitute anything resembling  
a loyalty check in the Colony.  
On the other hand, there will  
be some serious discussions  
at higher police level in the  
next few days, with a view  
to obviating any recurrence  
of this appalling incident.

The "China Mail" has, in  
the case of previous piracies,  
with less serious implica-  
tions, exhorted the authori-  
ties to take some kind of  
stand against Chinese "in-  
difference to coastal maraud-  
ers. British loss of face in  
this region in recent weeks  
has been pronounced, and if  
the authorities are to permit  
the rot to continue, we will

# A New Flag Flies in London

By EWAN BUTLER

## Singapore Summing-Up

By GEORGE MURRAY

When Singapore fell in 1942  
the British Empire rocked.  
Some pretty big chunks  
have since been shaken loose. It—and  
some also of those defections are  
traceable to the crisis of confidence  
resulting from the loss of Singa-  
pore.

Even now the British people  
do not really know what hit them.  
They have fought, and found,  
scoundrels. The fault, however,  
lies not in others, but in them-  
selves.

This is the conclusion reached  
by Lieutenant-General A. E. Per-  
cival, who today tells the full  
story for the first time. He ought  
to know, for he was General  
Officer Commanding Malaya—and  
he was one of the scapegoats.

Why did Singapore fall? The  
first reason, says the general, is  
that Great Britain in the years  
of peace failed to provide ade-  
quate protection for her vast, in-  
alienable, of which Malaya was  
one of the richest.

Secondly, he says, there was no  
co-operation between the civil  
Administration and the Services  
in Malaya. The presence of the  
Army was resented as an intru-  
sion on business activities.

### Civil Complaints

In 1937, when, in preparation  
for possible war, it was proposed  
to fortify Penang, a local news-  
paper viewed with concern the  
disturbance of the restful and  
placid atmosphere.

It said that a military popu-  
lation near the town "would not  
be pleasant experience, for,  
without meaning any offence, we  
know what soldiers are."

Even at the height of the cam-  
paign in 1942 there were strong  
protests when the Army wanted  
to cut down rubber trees in order  
to make gun sites.

The third reason for our de-  
feat, according to General Per-  
cival, was that British strategy  
in Malaya was based on the  
assumption that the Navy would  
always be available and would  
control sea communications.

This strategy was not modified  
when nearly all our resources  
were needed to meet the threat  
from Germany and Italy. Here  
was the prime cause of the weak-  
ness of our defences in Malaya.

Fourthly, the Army disposition,  
in Malaya, was dictated largely  
by the defence aerodromes from  
which large Air Forces were ex-  
pected to operate.

As the general makes his pain-  
staking and detailed report he un-  
folds a melancholy story, relieved  
only by the gallantry of his men  
—British, Indian, Australian,  
Malay.

It was another case of "too  
little too late." Nothing was  
ever proper strength or sup-  
ply. Nothing was ever adequately  
prepared. The troops were un-  
sufficient, and mostly new, un-  
tried, and utterly untrained in  
jungle warfare. All they had was  
valour. The Fleet was unbalanced,  
and the Air Force small and out  
of date.

Everything went wrong—even  
the small things—and Luck, as  
ever, was against the Army.

## Showing The Flag On Tito's Border

TOM POGOCK

takes a notebook out with Britain's new Corinthian  
patrol.

On a black fang of rock  
among the snow-powdered  
peaks stands a Yugoslav sentry,  
his long coat flapping in the  
wind. Through binoculars he  
stares across the frontier and  
down the deep Loibl Pass into  
Austria.

Suddenly the frozen silence is  
pierced by a hunting horn.  
Distant voices are borne on the

only have ourselves to blame  
if our position here becomes  
difficult.

The murderers and looters  
of No. 1 police launch have  
disappeared into Chinese  
territory. Are we to fold  
our hands, after perhaps  
sending an ineffectual pro-  
test to the (non-existent)  
government in Canton, or  
are we at last to force the  
issue by not only demanding  
but seeing that we get satis-  
faction for this cold-blooded  
crime and flagrant flaunting  
of our authority?

### Defence Of Hong Kong

Space prevents comment  
on Britain's decision to send  
substantial reinforcements  
to Hong Kong, as announced  
in today's columns. For  
the moment we will content  
ourselves with saying that  
this statement could not have  
come at a more appropriate  
time.

Camps for the troops had been  
built in rubber plantations,  
to give air cover. But they were so  
dark and damp that the fighting  
efficiency of the troops was  
affected. "It's horrible!" they called  
it.

Part of the Singapore water  
supply was on the mainland, and,  
of course, fell into Japanese  
hands. There were other water  
reservoirs, however, which  
could have supplied the popula-  
tion indefinitely. But owing to  
breaks in the mains caused by  
bombs and shelling the supply  
began to fail. Lack of water  
finally forced the capitulation.

### Other Troubles

Lieutenant-General Percival  
had other troubles. Of the Aus-  
tralian commander, Major-General  
H. Gordon Bennett, he says, he  
had been out of harness for some  
years, and remarks, "It is not  
for me to criticise the system under  
which such appointments are  
made." He hoped that Bennett  
that his attitude towards Gordon  
Bennett was correct and proper.

These chilly remarks lead up  
to the last episode, when, says  
the author, he was surprised to  
read after the war, in Gordon  
Bennett's book, that the Aus-  
tralian commander, at the height  
of the battle, had sent a telegram  
to his Prime Minister telling him  
that in certain circumstances he  
would surrender "to avoid need-  
less loss of life."

"No doubt he was perfectly en-  
titled to communicate with his  
own Prime Minister," comments  
the Lieutenant-General, "but  
surely not to inform him of an  
intention to surrender in certain  
circumstances when he had not  
even communicated that intention  
to his superior officer."

For 70 years the British force,  
outnumbered, out-trained, out-  
bombed, and out-maneuvred,  
fought their losing battle all  
the way down the Malay Peninsula  
and were defeated with their  
backs to the wall on Singapore  
Island.

### Ships Sunk

Bad luck pursued them to the  
end. A flotilla of small ships in  
which 3,000 highly trained men  
and women were evacuated ran  
into a Japanese fleet, and most of  
them were sunk with appalling  
loss of life.

This account of a great disas-  
ter is an unhappy tale, but it  
is told plainly, straightforwardly,  
and with no recriminations by  
the man who bore much of the  
blame for it.

One thing is plain: The British,  
Australian, and the Indian  
soldiers, as ever, acquitted them-  
selves honourably in battle. His com-  
manders did their duty and no  
fault attaches to them.

They bore their part in the  
fighting, and stayed with their  
men in captivity for lonely years.  
Singapore fell because we at  
home had forgotten our responsi-  
bilities of Empire.

The War in Malaya, by  
Lieutenant-General A. E. Per-  
cival. Eyre and Spottiswoode. 16s.

A few weeks ago the hardihood of Paris were en-  
livened, if not adorned, by the presence of  
verifying an unofficial "Peace Conference."

Picasso had designed a symbolic dove of peace which  
served as the emblem  
of this gathering.

The few Londoners who,  
aware of what took place in  
Paris, may feel that their city  
is neglected in the matter of  
international conferences should  
keep their eyes on Church  
House, Westminster.

There, a flag unfamiliar to all  
but a very few Englishmen was  
broken out to signify the opening  
of the European Economic Con-  
ference—a white flag bearing  
next to the staff, a great green  
"E."

It is the flag of the European  
Movement, the banner under  
which more than 100 expert de-  
legates from the nations of Western  
Europe and the "Trieste" of Ger-  
many are assembling in London  
this week to seek a firm founda-  
tion upon which the shattered  
economy of this continent may be  
rebuilt.

It is to be feared that most of  
the delegates to the Westminster  
Conference would qualify as  
"warmongers" in the eyes of the  
peace-lovers assembled simulta-  
neously in Paris.

Mr. Winston Churchill is the  
moving spirit of the European  
Movement, and beside him stand  
M. Spaak, the Prime Minister of  
Belgium; Signor de Gasperi,  
Prime Minister of Italy; and M.  
Leon Blum, the veteran states-  
man of France.

The delegates to the conference  
are statesmen, trade unionists,  
employers, economists, industrial  
and financial experts.

They are men of widely varying  
political convictions, united in the  
determination to find the answer  
to the problems which bedevil  
every inhabitant of Western  
Europe and to ensure, by all pos-  
sible means, that the answer is  
accepted by the Governments of  
the nations from which they come.

For the Westminster Confer-  
ence is not an official gathering.  
An Idea Sprang

Yet such is the weight of  
knowledge and authority repre-  
sented by the delegates that there  
is good cause to hope that the  
remedies which they devise for  
Europe's troubles may come to  
have the force of law.

From The Hague Conference of  
the European Movement, held last  
year, sprang the idea of the  
Council of Europe, which has the  
blessing of every Government of  
the West, with very few excep-  
tions.

The men and women who are  
now assembling in Westminster  
believe that their work, technical  
and untechnical, may produce  
results yet more solid.

They believe that it must pro-  
duce those results, for time is  
short.

Europe stands, impoverished  
and tired, between two giants—  
America and Russia.

America, with only 6 per cent  
of the world's population, pro-  
duces about 46 per cent of the  
world's manufactured wealth. The  
American workman can, in a  
single hour's labour, create wealth  
which in the rest of the world  
would require 17 hours' work to  
produce.

The reasons for this disparity  
are many, but the facts cannot be  
denied.

### Great Step On

Russia believes that her col-  
lective economy is a great step  
forward towards a new world  
order.

But to achieve it the Soviet  
Government has been forced to  
deny to its people rights and  
freedom which the peoples of  
Western Europe would never con-  
sent to lose.

Europe, possessing as a contin-  
ent greater man-power, great  
skills, and greater industrial  
potential than either of the giants,  
can stand on her own feet between  
the two, giving to her people  
greater abundance and greater  
happiness than ever.

Before the war of 1914-18 an  
Englishman wishing to visit  
Paris or a Swede planning a jour-  
ney to Rome simply put as much  
of the money of his own country  
as he could afford into his pocket  
and took a train.

He did not fuss with passports  
and visas—Russia was almost the  
only European country which in-  
sisted on them—did when he  
reached his destination. He took  
his pounds sterling or his Swed-  
ish kronor to any bank and  
changed them into francs or lire,  
without bother, without restric-  
tion. The European Movement  
believes that those happy days  
must return to Western Europe if  
it is to be a "Trieste."

It believes that the people of  
the European Union must be free  
to sell their services in whatever  
country they are most required,  
and that all the good things pro-  
duced by Europe should be freely  
available to Europeans.

These ambitions raise a mass  
of complicated but fascinating  
problems, which will be debated  
fully and publicly at Church  
House this week.

But the ambitions themselves  
are simple enough, and the West-  
minster Conference expects to  
make a long way towards them.  
The "Paris Peace Conference,"  
as it is called, has taken a long  
step towards the outlawry of war,  
but it is not yet a "Trieste,"



Our favourite paper has come  
out with a page one announce-  
ment about "yesterday's weather  
forecast."

I have now chucked my crys-  
tal ball neatly over my left  
shoulder. It appears I won't need  
it any more: the policy has been  
changed.

Maybe it's just the perspective,  
but that red disc in the centre of  
Dal's Nippon's flag seems to be  
growing bigger every day.

It takes only a few blockheads  
to make a blockade.

To any Under Secretary for the  
Colonies who calls Hong Kong an  
"oasis of peace and prosperity,"  
we can only say before handing  
him the palm, that what he prob-  
ably misheard from his Inform-  
ant was "Grease and Co-Pro-  
sperity."

Said Mrs. Martin to the smooty  
Mrs. Pikesville the other even-  
ing in my hearing, "Is it true  
that you're taking in boarders?"  
And Mrs. P. responded: "It's  
only a roomer."

In Fomosa they are beginning  
to call 1949 the Year of the Lo-  
nuts.

The Under Secretary of State  
for the Colonies sees no "inade-  
quacy in the existing alighting  
facilities for flyingboats and sea-  
planes." Plenty of water any-  
way, eh, Reedy old boy, old boy?

The Sunday school class was  
stunned when asked what a lay-  
woman was, until Little Audrey  
piped up and said: "A hen!"

Irishmen living in England are  
said to be "stirred at the thought  
of being liable for conscription."

No wonder we can't get that  
Porkulam fine cured bacon. Our  
luxuriously housed pigs up on  
those beautiful building sites are  
giving up the thought of being  
consigned to the limbo of outer  
Kowloon.

A Korean Consul has arrived  
in Hong Kong and set up his  
office. But it takes more than  
one swallow to make a summer.

A prominent Shanghai banker  
has just arrived in these parts.

So it was Bao Dal in that  
picture, and not the Phantom.

The Americans had better look  
out, or the Russians will have  
claimed all the inventions and  
what-have-you. The whole thing  
becomes baffling. Ask anyone in  
the U.S.A. what country discov-  
ered every mechanical improvement  
since 1776 and you won't get any  
answers further East than Long  
Island-Sound. All that that people  
in Berlin, France, Germany etc.  
were entirely taken up with in-  
venting reasons for war; and they  
didn't have the know-how anyhow.

But all I can say is, it's the  
Anti-American Activities Com-  
mittee started investigating what  
the Russians are saying—that  
nothing was originally invented  
West of Missak or Bansk or some-  
where since the days of Genghis  
Khan. It's all very puzzling to an  
ordinary Briton. For instance,

After parting from reactionary rumours  
about the Battle of Britain, I  
always thought it was the Ameri-  
cans who saved the old country  
from invasion by leading it them-  
selves, but now it turns out—from  
an official source in Prague—  
that it was the Anglo-Russian  
Treaty that saved us. This was  
signed two years after this  
hypothetical Battle of Britain, so  
people can get when trying to  
gain face by saying they them-  
selves can take some credit for  
defending their own homeland.

Still with happy memories of  
Kerol-Flynn and the G.I.'s libera-  
ting Burma, I'm now waiting for  
a Russian movie showing how  
their navies kept the world trade  
routes open for the ungrateful  
bourgeoisie during the last couple  
of centuries.

It is prudent to insure rather than to take a  
chance it will never happen to you.

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# SUBSTANTIAL REINFORCEMENTS FOR COLONY

## German Generals To Be Released

London, May 5. Proceedings against two of Hitler's commanders, Field-Marshal Von Rundstedt and Colonel General Strauss, are to be dropped and they will be released.

Lord Henderson, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced this in the House of Lords today.

## Four Miners Trapped

Girardville, Pennsylvania, May 6. Rescue workers fighting to reach four miners trapped 800 feet underground below a raging coal mine fire were forced today to turn their efforts toward an airshaft several hundred feet from the main shaft of the mine.

Fifty tired miners who worked feverishly for 30 hours to reach the men had to abandon their operations in the main shaft when dense, poisonous smoke filled it up to ground level.

Rescue squads headed by four State Mine Inspectors worked through the night to reach the men who were trapped shortly before midnight on Tuesday in a shaft near the hillside community of Rappahannock.

Their efforts were redoubled when the pressure gauge dropped suddenly last night from 80 to 45 pounds, indicating the trapped men may have cut into the air line into which three giant compressors on the hillside pumped oxygen.

Thomas Woods, hoist operator, who was the last man out of the mine, said he believed the men—all experienced miners—would seal themselves off with canvas barriers below the level of the smoke and then tap the oxygen line.—United Press.

## U.S. Marines Land On Malta

Malta, May 5. An American naval squadron arrived at Malta today and disembarked 1,000 marines on the West coast for shore exercises.

The squadron includes the light cruisers Fargo and Spokane, the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea and the fleet auxiliary Winslow.

After spending tonight ashore, the marines will be inspected tomorrow by Vice-Admiral F. D. Sherman, Commanding the 6th United States Fleet in the cruiser Fargo.

After the marines re-embark tomorrow, the squadron will sail for Oran, Algeria.—Reuter.

## Tanks And Artillery: RAF Fighter Aircraft "RESOLUTE ATTITUDE"

London, May 5. Britain is sending "substantial reinforcements" to the garrison in the Crown Colony of Hong Kong, the Defence Minister, Mr. A.V. Alexander, told Parliament today. They will include elements of all arms—land, sea and air, he said.

Mr. Alexander was addressing a House of Commons debate on the situation in China. The reinforcements will bring the British Land Forces in Hong Kong to the strength of two brigade groups, each of three battalions, he said.

There will be ancillary troops, including tanks, field guns, anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns. Air Force reinforcements will consist of fighter aircraft.

The naval squadron in Hong Kong will be strengthened by an additional cruiser and, if need arises, an aircraft carrier.

While we have scrupulously endeavored to avoid being involved in the war on the Chinese mainland, we are no less resolute in our attitude as regards territory for which we hold a direct responsibility," Mr. Alexander said.

Hong Kong had long had a tradition of neutrality and non-interference in China's politics, he added.

The British Government had consistently maintained a policy of non-interference in the civil war and a very vigilant watch is being kept in Hong Kong.

"In deciding on further measures to protect Hong Kong, the Government has been moved solely by the desire and determination to prevent the unsettled conditions in China from endangering the welfare and safety of the people in Hong Kong or hampering the peaceful pursuit of legitimate trade through Hong Kong with China."

Defence Force

Mr. Alexander said the police force in Hong Kong has been considerably strengthened. It now numbers much more than double its strength in 1941, when it was 1,200.

"Recruitment for the reorganised Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force is being urgently proceeded with but not yet with such good results as I should desire."

Referring to Hong Kong's traditional neutrality, Mr. Alexander said that the supporters of the Kuomintang and the Communists alike had enjoyed the benefits thus provided, subject only to their obeying the law and doing nothing to damage relations between Britain and China.

The steps now being taken will deal with any breach of the conditions under which Chinese nationals, whether Kuomintang or Communists, reside there and with disturbances of the peace, however caused.

It will not be in the public interest to give details at this stage, he added.

The food situation in Hong Kong is at present generally satisfactory, he said. Supplies of rice, the staple diet of the Chinese, are fully adequate.

Shanghai Britons

Steps are already being taken to stockpile supplies of food which might run short.

Mr. Alexander said that it is not yet clear whether the Communists intend to take Shanghai or by-pass it. He hoped the opposing armies will recognise the undesirability for humanitarian reasons of creating a battle-ground of this densely-populated area.

The Government had been in the closest consultation with the British Consul-General in Shanghai about the measures to be adopted in an emergency. These are designed to offer such protection to British nationals as might be possible in the circumstances and to enable them to be evacuated should circumstances render it desirable and they wish to go.

Apert from the military situation, the financial and economic position in Shanghai gives cause for serious concern, he added.

The final remedy lies in Chinese hands, but the situation is being studied by British interests in Shanghai in consultation with the Consul-General.

"We shall pursue a policy of peace and aid to our own nationals on the very best possible basis," Mr. Alexander said.

Gibraltar Of East

Mr. Harold MacMillan, for the Opposition, thought Hong Kong could best be defended. It is much clearer that an attack upon it would be regarded as an act of aggression with the necessary consequences.

He said: "Hong Kong is the Gibraltar of the East and must be held."

With Hong Kong, in the short run, of events, one bound up Britain's vital interests in Malaya and Singapore.

Had any strategy been devised with Australia, New Zealand and India? What steps had been taken to co-ordinate French Indo-China, Indonesia and Siam? he asked.

"We must breathe into Asia a new spirit of confidence. We have many friends in those territories, but they need comfort and re-assurance."

"The partnership created in the West, based on the strength and power of the American

people, must be extended to the East."

Mr. MacMillan said the Government's handling of the Yangtze incident was "an absolute indication of incompetence."

Mr. Alexander replied that Mr. MacMillan was trying to make political capital out of the incident.

The Conservatives protested in chorus and one shouted: "You should be sacked for incompetence."

Mr. Alexander said the original Communist firing on the sloop Amethyst was not a planned and deliberate trap. The firing started by accident and spread.

Replying to Conservative criticism that Amethyst had no air protection, Mr. Alexander declared: "The sending of air support would undoubtedly have been regarded as a provocative action."

Recognition Of Communists

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House that the Communist shelling was not a concerted action.

"It might equally have happened when other vessels were going up the Yangtze," he added.

The Prime Minister referred to previous suggestions that the Government should recognise the Communists in China and said: "That will depend on their actions. It is premature to discuss what we will do."—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

## British Railways Taken Over

Buenos Aires, May 5. Argentina today formally took over ownership of the railways which the British had built and operated for over 50 years.

The formal transfer document was read and then signed by Senator Peron, the Minister of Transport, Lieutenant-Colonel Juan Castro, and representatives of the former owners, Roberto Montgomery and Gerónimo Cortes.

Senator Montgomery said: "This act formally places on record the transference to the Argentine state of all property of the British railway enterprises."

He expressed the hope that Argentina would continue on the path of peace, social justice, cultural and economic development.

At the same time, the Argentine Government took another step in complete nationalisation of the nation's transport systems, announcing that the Government has absorbed the country's four semi-private airlines, including the international airways Fama.

The Ministry of Transportation will operate the lines, which are capitalised jointly by Government and private interests.—United Press.

RUSSIANS FREE NEWSMEN

Berlin, May 5. A British and two United States correspondents were released by the Russian authorities in Berlin this afternoon after several hours' detention.

The three were detained last night while trying to "run the Berlin blockade."—Reuter.

## LEICESTER REGIMENT COMING OUT

The Leicestershire Regiment, now at Leicester, will be the first reinforcement to leave Britain for Hong Kong. It was learned at the War Office tonight. They are due to sail on May 11.

A field regiment of the Royal Artillery and a field squadron of Royal Engineers and two infantry battalions will follow.—Reuter.

## NEHRU WARNS EUROPE

Berne, May 5. The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, today warned the Europeans that they have lost all influence in Asia and are also likely to lose it in Africa.

Concluding a three-day visit, Premier Nehru told a press conference: "It is up to the colonial masters to decide whether the solution in Africa will be peaceful or not."

India has succeeded in welding together many different races without discrimination or oppression, he said.

The rest of the world and particularly Europe, which has always been a source of unrest and war, must learn the same lesson, he added.

Mr. Nehru will drive to Geneva later today after a visit to the Swiss Foreign Minister, Max Petitpierre, to exchange instructions of notification of the 1948 Swiss-Indian treaty of friendship and commerce. He will leave Geneva by plane for India tonight.—United Press.

## Huk Activity In Luzon

Manila, May 5. The Hukbalaup Commander-in-Chief, Luis Taruc, is reliably reported to be concentrating near the village of Albar, near the Luzon coastal town of Infanta.

The disclosure is based on reports said to have been received by Governor Gregorio Santosana of the Province.

The same report also said that hundreds of Chinese Communists have landed in recent weeks along the Pacific coast in this Province.—Reuter.

## HEADMASTER TO APPEAL

Exeter, May 5. Robert Copping, aged 25, headmaster of the Horsey Hall "freedom school," was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by the magistrates' court here today on a summons of causing wilful damage to a window at the court house on April 7. He gave notice of appeal and was released on bail.

Mr. Copping and his partner, Edward Reynolds, aged 31, were found guilty by the local magistrates on April 8 to be unfit to have the care of children and to be keeping them in a detrimental environment.—Reuter.

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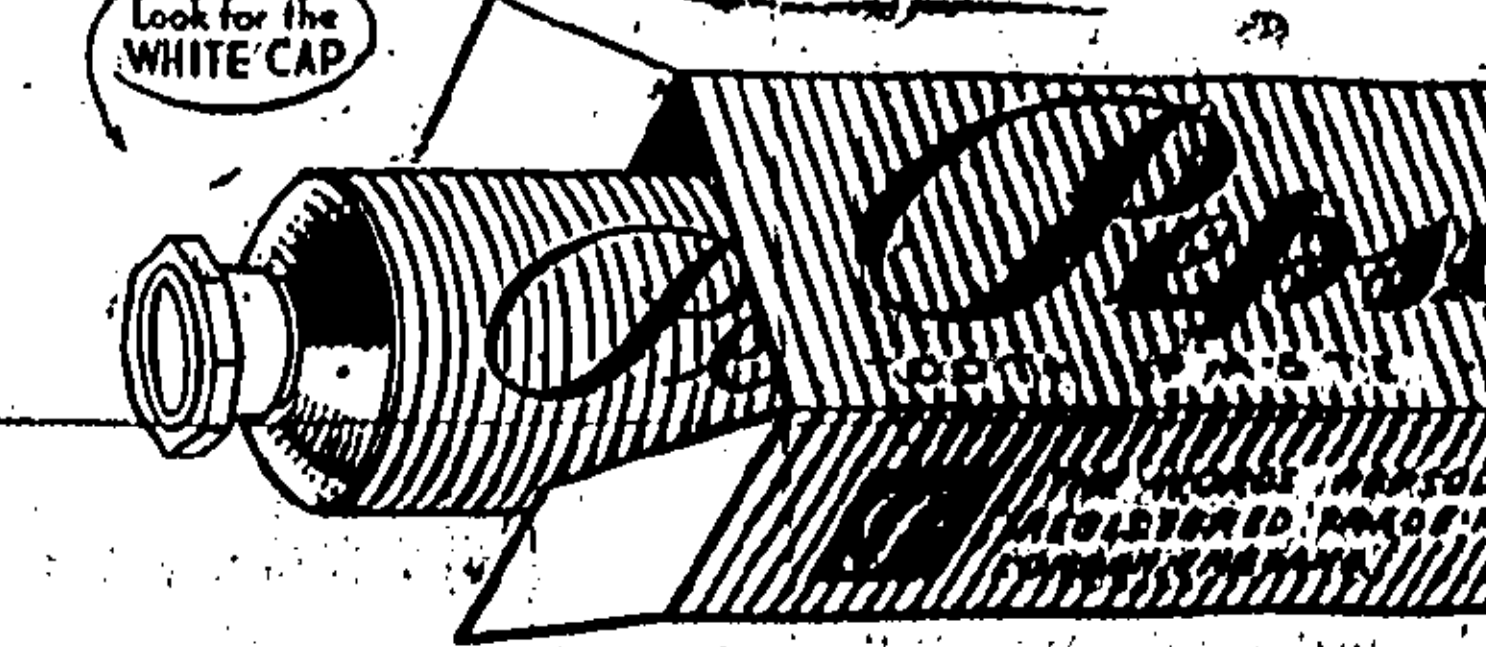
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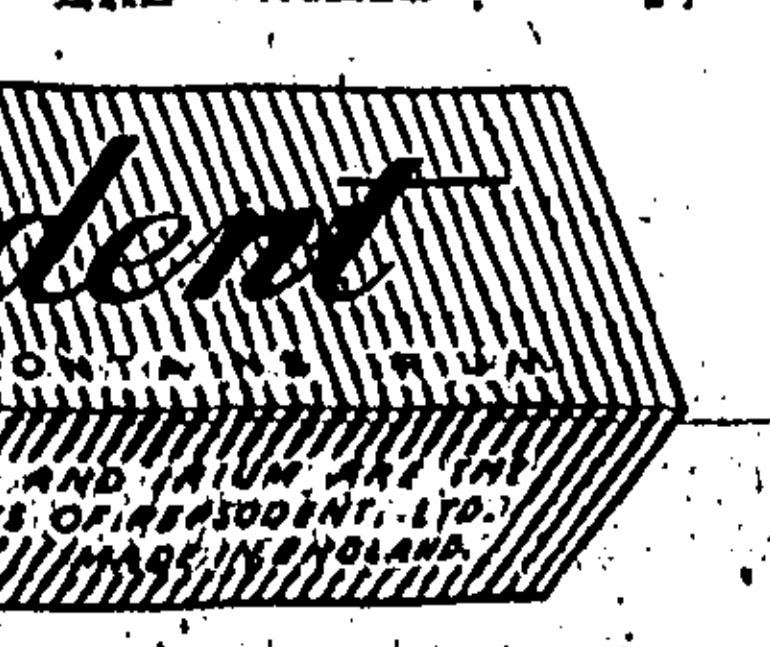
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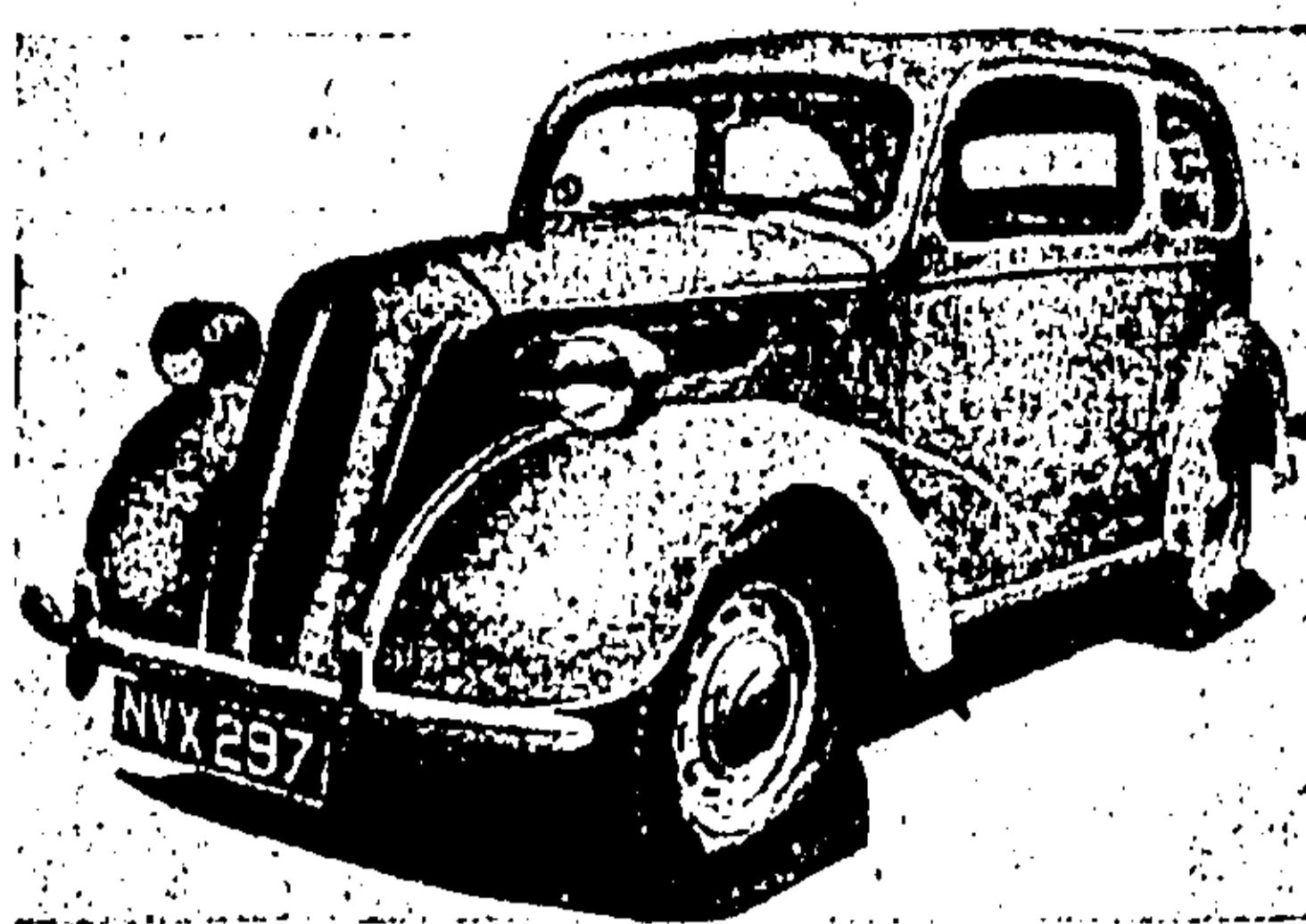
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## MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS



The Ford Anglia

### New Ford Anglia A Good Car At Very Low Cost

To anyone who feels that modern car design has gone off the rails, that independent suspension just means more parts to wear out and that streamlining is little more than an alibi for inadequate headroom, the Ford Anglia must come as a breath of fresh air.

It is a car which stands alone as being designed with very limited regard to transient fashions, designed to be a real car at the lowest possible cost and to do almost any job without protest.

### Two New Light Cars

The prototype of a 40-mile-a-gallon 75 miles-an-hour light car is nearing completion at the works of James Fairley and Sons, Sheffield. One early model of the Fairley has been tested on the roads, and reached speeds up to 75 miles an hour with an average petrol consumption of 40 miles a gallon.

The car now nearing completion incorporates many improvements. It has balloon tyres with chromium-plated wheel discs, a large space for luggage, and in order to make access to the engine easy, the whole front of the bodywork can be raised with one hand.

A similar car with a 12-horsepower high-performance engine of the latest design is also planned.

The Standard Motor Company, Coventry, has completed the design of a small Triumph, extremely light and cheap, which will be produced in quantity for export concurrently with the firm's Vanguard now being produced at the rate of 230 a day.

New in the range of electrical car equipment made by Simms Motor Units Limited, Oak Lane, London, N.2, England, is a flush fitting headlamp, known as type L. 91. It is designed to fit fully fronted cars on passenger and commercial vehicles, and features a simple beam adjustment.

This is obtained by swivelling the lamp body assembly in a universal movement up to 8 degrees between the fixing flange and a clamping ring, so that the beam may be adjusted to give the maximum road illumination to the car's contour.

The reflector, glass and bezel form a complete assembly, obviating the possibility of reflector damage by moisture or dust.

### Speed-Up In Delivery Of Cars At Home

An immediate speed-up in delivery of new cars is expected as a result of a concession announced by Mr. George Strauss, Minister of Supply.

It may also increase from 75,000 to 100,000 the number of cars for the home market this year. Manufacturers will no longer have to export 75 per cent of every quarter's production. This quota is to be calculated on a longer period—probably 12 months—instead of three months.

Makers can in future send more than 25 per cent of new cars to the home market when export trade temporarily declines, as it has lately.

But they will have to make it up later in the year to maintain the 75 per cent quota.

Mr. Gresham Cooke, director of the Society of Motor Manufacturers, said recently: "We welcome the scrapping of the arbitrary allocation of only 75,000 cars to the home market in 1949. Last year we built 375,000 cars. If we increase production to 360,000 it would mean 90,000 cars for home users. If we turned out 400,000 cars there would be 100,000 for home use."

In abandoning the 8 h.p. engine for all export models, and offering their 10 h.p. engine in two-door Anglia or four-door Prefect cars, the Ford Motor Company have taken a step which will assist them to back up their cars with typically Ford service in all parts of the world.

They have, in addition, endowed the Anglia with a most desirable power-to-weight ratio which is reflected in lively performance on the road.

The Anglia model, which we recently tested in its export form, runs true to Ford tradition, in that it is light in weight yet is apparently almost unbreakable.

The Ford engineers have concentrated on simplicity and the use of good materials as means of combining these two characteristics, and have evolved a car of striking individuality.

With memories of two days spent in an 8 h.p. Anglia during last winter, exploring the twisting, toric trackways of the Wessex downs, two days during which a far-from-new car endured torture without the least protest.

As a vehicle for use off the beaten track, the Anglia has much to commend it. A short wheelbase with modest front and rear overhangs, 44-in. ground clearance, and compact turning circle are very valuable points.

### Weight Distribution

The distribution of a substantial amount of weight over the driving wheels means that mud and wet grass are not very serious obstacles. Above all, the suspension system, while not giving the most level of ride, is quite untroubled by rough going.

A rather extreme proof of the car's toughness came in the course of exploring a hill whose steepness called for a brisk approach. A rather bad "step" threw the loaded car a full foot in the air, and although the landing bump sprang the front seat out of its guides the car made an easy climb of the hill and was in no way harmed.

The simple suspension system, comprising rigid axles and hydraulically damped transverse leaf springs with its excellent cross-country characteristics, frankly does not compare in ordinary road performance with modern LFS designs.

Individual potholes are ironed out very effectively, but the amount of up-and-down motion on normally imperfect road surfaces is very much greater than is experienced in most modern cars—cars, it must be admitted, which obtain smooth riding by much greater mechanical complexity.

Handling characteristics are also influenced by the design of the suspension, and by the optional over-size tyres fitted to the test car.

As handed over to the tester the car had tyres inflated to equal pressures front and rear in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and when fully laden it was found that it followed an intolerably erratic course. It is the usual practice to test cars in the condition in which they are submitted but in this case

the tyre pressures were quickly altered.

As regards performance, the whole emphasis is on what the car will do in top gear—which is a great deal.

The engine pulls hard and reasonably smoothly from just about 10 m.p.h. in this ratio, and will accelerate the car straight up to a genuine 50 m.p.h. in under 30 seconds, a performance which few small cars indeed can equal without requiring smart use of the gear lever.

This sort of acceleration goes with willing hill-climbing which does not deteriorate markedly when passengers and luggage are in the car.

The three-speed gearbox fitted to the Anglia is one which does not encourage anyone to treat this generously powered small car as a sports model, but which should suit the ordinary buyer very well.

The widely spaced ratios and generally leisurely character of the gearbox, however, prevented any very striking figures being recorded for acceleration from rest through the gears—on the road one is encouraged to change up quite early after starting and use the ample top gear acceleration.

The lively engine differs from similar units which are familiar only in having an oilbath air cleaner fitted to the carburettor air intake.

This filter should ensure long engine life in sandy countries, at perhaps the cost of a fractional reduction in maximum speed.

The willing acceleration of this export Anglia is matched by very effective Circling brakes, which made the best of available road grip in emergencies without rendering the car unstable.

An interesting effect of the big engine, and of the relatively low final drive ratio which suffices for the car's 50-55 m.p.h. cruising speed, is that in ordinary driving the brakes are not needed very much, there being quite considerable retardation when the throttle is closed.

Body arrangements have been left almost to the last in this test report, although they in fact give the car much of its merit.

### Seats Four

First and foremost, the two-door body is comfortably able to seat four 6-ft. men without cramping them, headroom at front and rear being generous, even if elbow room is not more than adequate.

Further, there is a luggage locker of very useful dimensions, in which spare wheel and tools are housed below the flat floor.

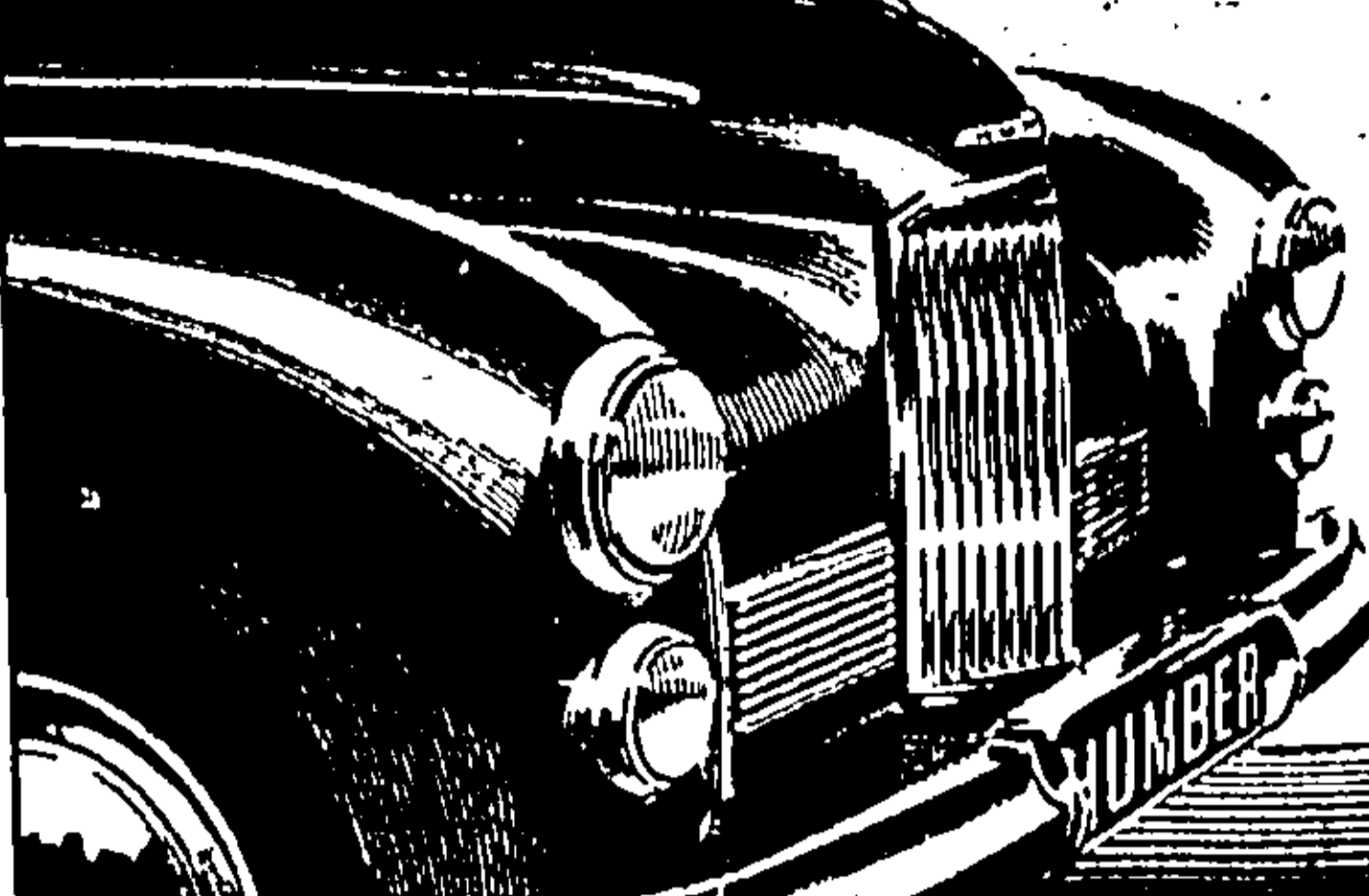
The lid hinges downwards and may be held by adjustable straps either partially open or flat to support heavy overloads.

Internal furnishings are simple and adequate without being extravagant.

There is no interior light, but the speedometer lamp also illuminates the spacious parcel shelf. Twin windscreen wipers are of suction pattern, working with a vacuum reservoir tank, and even in hard driving seldom stop working.—The Autocar.

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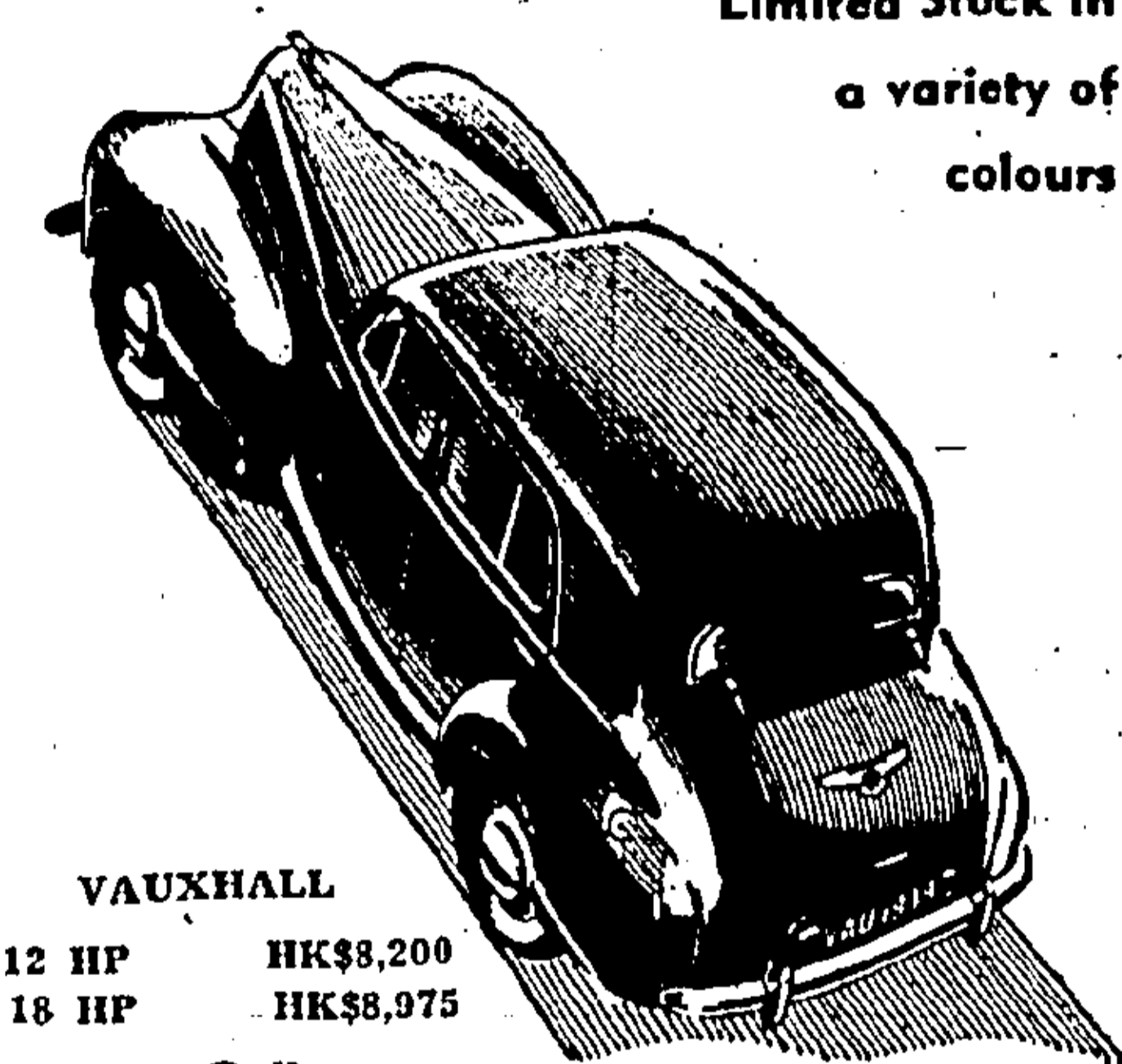
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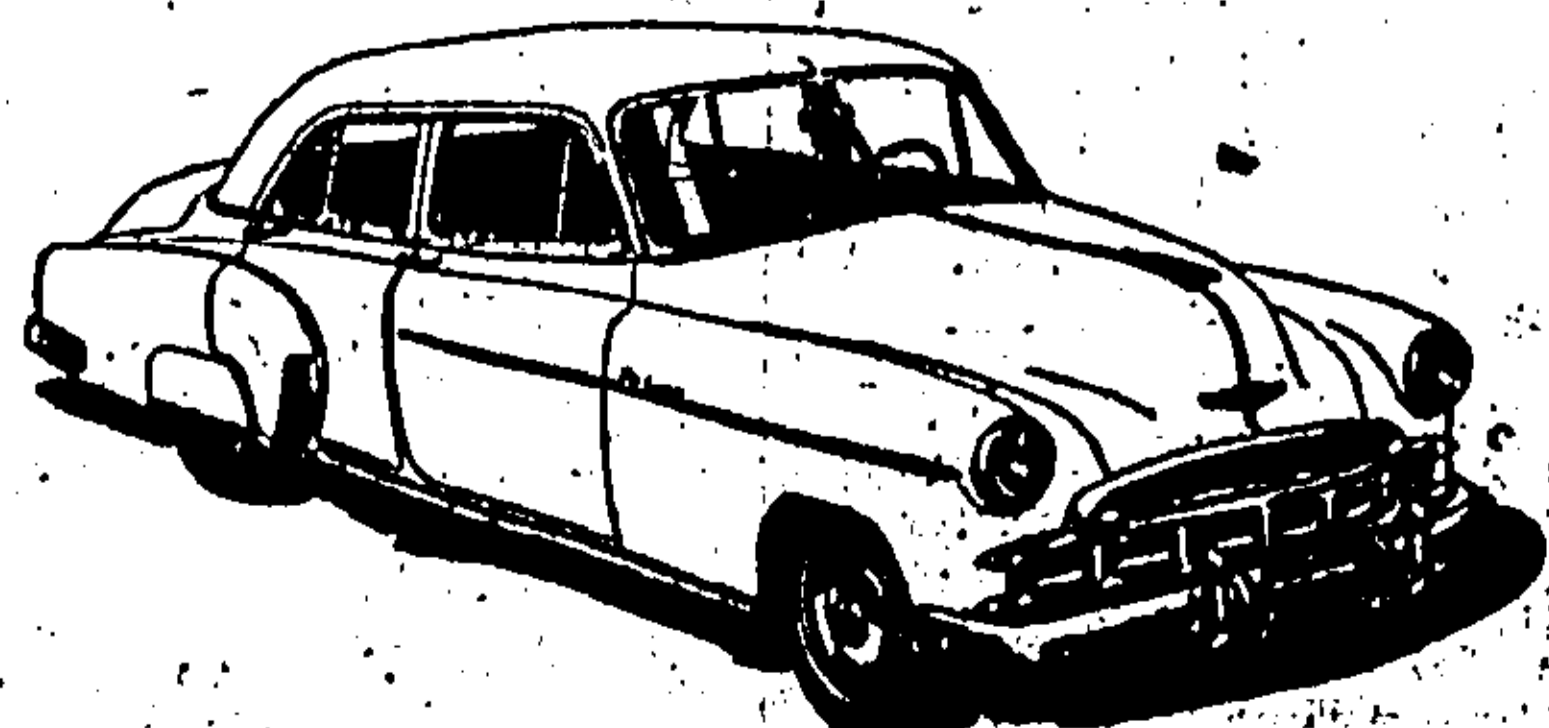
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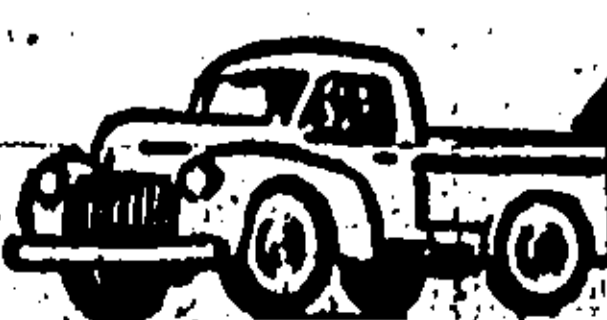
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# BEVIN HOPEFUL OF PACT ON GERMANY

## RUSSIAN PLAN ON GERMANY

Moscow, May 5.  
Russia may press for re-examination of the whole German problem when the Big Four Foreign Ministers meet in Paris. Western observers here believe.

It is believed that Russia may propose the following programme:

1. Withdrawal of Allied occupation forces from Germany.
  2. Organisation of a central government for the entire country.
  3. Negotiations for the German peace treaty.
  4. Four-power control over all Germany pending signing of the treaty.
- Diplomatic circles are convinced that Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, will emphasise that Germany should be one country and abandon opposition to a federalised Germany.
- The Berlin agreement has raised hopes of possible eventual understanding on broader German problems and of possibly increased chances for a firm peace.
- Western observers have felt almost unqualified optimism ever since it first became known that the American and Russian delegates in New York had started informal talks.—United Press.

## RUSSIANS TOLD OF AGREEMENT

Moscow, May 6.  
The Moscow radio told Russians yesterday of the big four agreement to lift the blockades on Berlin and to call a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers. The announcement aroused wide interest among the Russians.

Several foreign diplomats here express hope that the planned settlement of the Berlin dispute may lead to solution of several other problems dividing the East and West.

One envoy said: "In a situation such as this everything is possible and I have advised my Government that the agreements may be broader than one suspects."—Associated Press.

## MOSCOW WISHFUL THINKING

Moscow, May 6.  
Soviet economists continue to be intrigued by the prospect of another American depression.

The latest forecast, by I. Blum, writing in the magazine "Problems of Economics," "The capitalistic economy, driven by elemental laws, is heading blindly towards an unavoidable economic crisis."—Associated Press.

## ASSISTANCE FOR BURMA

Rangoon, May 5.  
The British, Indian and Pakistan Ambassadors today conferred in Rangoon with the Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu.

The conference was reported to have been held in connection with the question of Commonwealth assistance for Burma.—Associated Press.

## Wallace Version Of Berlin Issue

Washington, May 5.  
Mr. Henry Wallace, Progressive Party leader, said here today that a Russian offer on March 21 to lift the Berlin blockade was deliberately withheld from the public "because it explodes the myth on which the Atlantic Pact is based."

Mr. Wallace is one of seven witnesses due to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to argue against the Pact.

He urged the Committee to withhold action on the Pact until after a Foreign Ministers conference is held on the German question.

"This is our great—it may be our last—opportunity to arrive at a peaceful settlement of our differences with Russia," he declared.

Mr. Wallace suggested that the United States and Russia sit down together and settle their differences.

The former Vice-President offered a six-point basis for discussion which includes:

- (1) A treaty to form a unified and democratic Germany, stripped of war-making potential.
- (2) Agreement to refrain from interference in the internal affairs of other nations.
- (3) Agreement by both nations to give up all military bases in other United Nations countries, and to stop exporting arms.
- (4) Unrestricted trade, free movement of citizens and free scientific and cultural exchanges between Russia and America.

London, May 5.  
The Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons today that he is hopeful that the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' meeting on May 23 will find an enduring settlement of the German problem.

In a cautious statement about the lifting of the Berlin blockade and counter-blockade next week, the Foreign Secretary said that Britain will approach the new Council of Foreign Ministers in a spirit of firmness and reasonableness.

After reading the four-power announcement of the successful New York blockade-lifting talks, Mr. Bevin added: "The British Government welcome this agreement."

"It was not we who were responsible for the breakdown in the four-power arrangements for Germany and at all times we have been ready to discuss the problem with the other occupying powers. But we could not do so as long as the duress continued."

"The people of Berlin have borne their ordeal with courage and restraint and their resolution has helped to make this agreement possible."

Mr. Bevin paid high tribute to the men who have run the Berlin airlift for over 18 months. The operation will continue until the situation has been finally cleared up, he said.

Mr. Bevin announced that he will visit Berlin on Saturday to see the airlift working and to thank all concerned for their work.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, said that the announcement would be welcomed with general rejoicing and relief.

"The firmness shown and, above all, the powerful and consistent policy of the United States, with whom we have worked hand in hand, has appreciably lessened the sense of war tension which has hung over us as each day brought out its difficult incidents in Berlin," Mr. Churchill added.

### Churchill Warning

"But," he warned, "our difficulties are not yet over."

"Although this particular impediment has been removed from our path, we now approach the problem of the future of Germany and it by no means follows that difficulties may not arise even more embarrassing and puzzling than those which we have encountered."

On behalf of the Liberals, Mr. Clement Davies said that the last seven or 10 days will be thought of as historic. They had seen the agreement on the Commonwealth and India, agreement on the Council of Europe and now this final agreement "which might lead to the peace we all desire."

Western Allied political observers in Berlin said today that according to the official communiqué announcing the date for the lifting of the blockade in the German capital, the Russians did not undertake to restore communications between Berlin and the Soviet zone or between East and West Berlin.

West Berliners will therefore still have to be supplied from the Western zones, these observers said.

French Government circles welcome the decision to lift the blockade and resume four-power talks.

### Not Disturbed

The Western Allies are said to be agreed that troops cannot be

withdrawn till a peace treaty has been signed and free elections held in the Eastern zone.

General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor in Germany, said that the four-power communiqué was quite clear, and no petty difficulties are expected to hinder the raising of the blockade.

He is not disturbed by the fact that the communiqué did not specifically state that the Russians must lift restrictions between Berlin and the Soviet zone. He would regard it as part of the agreement that there should be no such restrictions other than the purely mechanical ones arising from the fact that two different currencies are involved, he said.

"I have had no instructions to withdraw the airlift and do not propose to do so," General Robertson added.

"We intend to raise our stocks in Berlin as soon as the blockade comes off"—Reuter.

## Decisive Battle Raging In Burma

Rangoon, May 5.

Three hundred Karen hill rebels were killed in the past three days of bitter fighting in the Daiku sector, about 70 miles North of Rangoon, the Burmese Government stated tonight.

The rebel columns, which attacked three Government strong-points in the area, were routed following day-long fighting, it added.

Rebel concentrations in the area are feverishly digging in just South of Daiku, where they had been strafed by Government planes, the official communiqué also said.

Military observers here say that the outcome of the fighting around Daiku will determine the fate of the Karen insurgents.

Government troops in the area are now engaging the bulk of the Karen forces withdrawn from all Central Burmese sectors for a "win or lose" thrust towards the capital, they added.

South West of Rangoon, Government troops have inflicted heavy casualties on Karen rebels in the rice growing areas North of Bassein, where the Karens are reported to be burning villages.

In the South Eastern coastal strip, Government planes bombed rebel concentrations in nine villages around Moulmein port.

In Upper Burma, a rebel commander and 15 other insurgents were killed in an attack on railway workshops near Sagaing, 25 miles South of Mandalay.—Reuter.

## INQUIRY INTO AIR CRASH

Rome, May 5.

The Italian Government has ordered an inquiry into last night's air liner crash near Turin, in which 28 people, including 18 members of the Turin football team and its British trainer, were killed.

A question has also been tabled in Parliament suggesting an investigation of the present state of the equipment in Italian civil aircraft. It was reported today that the Pope knelt down and prayed for the victims immediately he heard of the crash.

Two football teams from Milan, the Milan Club and the Inter-Club, will attend the funeral tomorrow.—Reuter.

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## Position Of Hong Kong

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"It is true we are still short of water, at times; but this has always been the case, and seems likely to remain, though not for purely engineering reasons. A great deal has however been done with regard to water supply, electricity, transportation and industry."

"Our ship building yards have not built any large new ships as they did before the war, but although they themselves still bear scars of war, they have done much in refitting, repairing and keeping in service old vessels, and have also launched some smaller excellent new craft. The electricity supply companies are still struggling with difficulties and delays in getting new plant, but the situation is steadily improving in spite of rapidly increasing demands."

"The public transportation companies have improved and extended their services though not to the full extent required; we even have double-decker buses in Kowloon, the once despised Kowloon which in recent years has in several ways taken the lead in engineering progress."

"Recent announcements in Council lead us to hope that it will not now be long before transportation across the harbour, so vital to such a large number of our citizens, can be made satisfactorily to go with the many-fold increase in passenger traffic."

### Major Factor

"One major factor of the last years has been the rapid increase in textile mills and other industrial enterprises in the Colony. The increase in industry in the Colony is a welcome sign, since it is obviously sound economy to have a balanced proportion of commerce and industry of various kinds, not, in other words, to have all one's eggs in one basket. It will provide employment for considerable numbers of our teeming population,

but it does raise other problems, such as extra demands on housing, education and community facilities in relation to the factories, additional water supply, power supply and transportation, and there must therefore be some regulation by zoning and town-planning."

"The fact that industries are growing here, where we have to import not only raw materials, but also power (in the form of coal or oil for the electricity undertakings), and where labour costs are no longer low, is I think, a significant and demonstrates the confidence which the Colony inspires, the wise combination of good Government and private enterprise. But I would utter a word of caution."

"No one grudges the worker a decent living wage, nor the material increase in the standard of living which he enjoys, even if one sometimes wonders whether the possession of a Parker 51 pen is quite essential to the plumber who comes to replace a washer on one's kitchen tap."

"But with high wages must go high production and good work. Fundamentally, what matters is not how much money a worker may receive, but rather the cost of what he produces, the cost of a ton of steel fabricated and erected, or a cubic yard of concrete in place, or the cost of moving a load from one place to another, or the cost of running an office, even including a Government Department."

### Competition

"Since we must compete in the world market, whether in export of manufactures, or handling of transit cargoes, or other ways, we must keep our total production costs low, and increases in standards of living must be balanced by higher output. There seems to be a tendency in the world today to demand a higher standard of living without accepting the responsibility for really earning it, to take all without being willing to give."

"It does not require much thought to see that the efficient worker can produce at a lower price than his more indolent competitor will be more likely to survive, when the present aftermath of war is over, and we no longer have what is called a seller's market. Unless we can produce at a lower cost, we will be unable to maintain our position, and may find ourselves in a slump with its attendant unemployment, misery and trouble, the ideal breeding ground for unrest and subversive reactions. Perhaps production costs are not the only factors controlling our ability to survive, but excessive profits and poor quality will also influence the potential customer, and it is still true that honesty is the best policy. These are things on which we might think with advantage remembering that as always, example is better than precept."

"In spite of many uncertainties in the world today, defeatism and pessimism are not the proper companions for our time, since that attitude produces little that is worthy. Let us therefore plan boldly, that the Colony may grow better and a more fitting monument to its founders and citizens."

"Hongkong's geographical position makes it the logical hub of a vast network of shipping and air lines, and one of our greatest needs is an airport capable of safely and expeditiously handling the traffic which is so rapidly growing both in volume and weight. Such an airport presents an engineering problem of considerable size but not exceptional difficulty; that it will be costly is obvious; that airports do not

usually show a direct profit out of normal revenue is also common experience, but additional revenue can be obtained from concessionaires who cater for the general public. There are however many indirect profits to the Colony in having a good airport. Let us see that when we get it, it is worthy."

"Our sea port is also of vital importance to us all, and must be kept efficient and cheap, with increased and improved facilities for passengers and cargoes of all kinds, including better and safer goods accommodation and railway access to the ship's side."

"Our public transportation systems need great development. The greatest bottleneck in transportation at present is of course getting across the water from the island to the mainland, where for obvious physical reasons the greatest development of industry and perhaps residence and recreational facilities must occur. Our present ferry systems are strained far beyond their "elastic limit" by the increase in traffic, and I am one of those who are convinced that the tunnel is the best answer; even with this, ferries at least to outlying parts will still be necessary."

### Presidential Areas

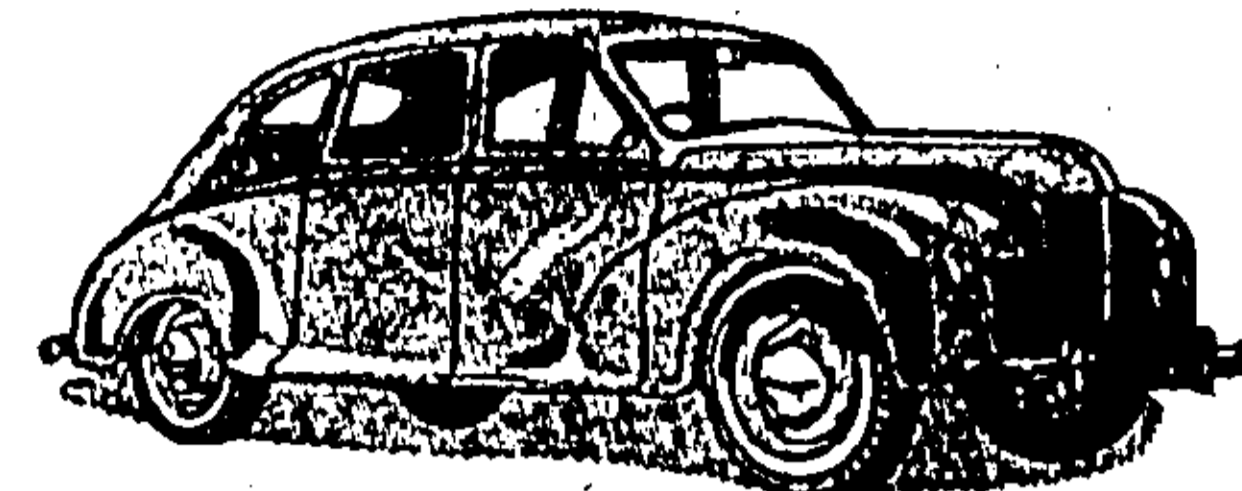
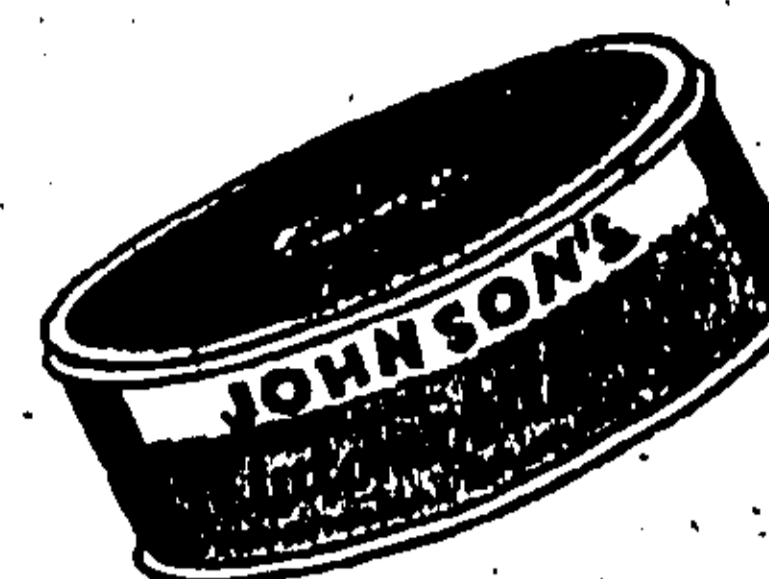
"It will be desirable, in order to reduce the density of the population in the worst parts of the town, to develop new residential areas further afield. This is a process which has come about in all major cities. It will necessitate improved and extended cheap transportation, possibly by an electrified suburban railway service, which could perhaps even be brought across the harbour in a tunnel. The industrial development of the far shores of Kowloon Bay will also need road and rail service."

"Of other essential developments should be mentioned an improved water supply, improved in quantity, since its quality is already of a very high standard, new roads and piers, reconstructions, and of course buildings, especially cheap housing for workers of the lower income groups. We need improved civic amenities, including a Town Hall where citizens can meet, with cultural facilities such as a Public Library. We need a modern sewage disposal system, to keep the harbour clean and to reduce the risk of epidemics. The replacement in the Central district of the wasteful and cavernous buildings, erected in the older days, by modern and more efficient structures is proceeding fast, but we must not forget the risks of fire, disease, and overcrowding which are inherent in many of the tenement slums of our City, a fact of which we cannot be proud. I cannot believe that any civil pride or public sentiment can be aroused to see that something better is done, and I think we all have a responsibility to our fellows, and that as in other places, the voice of the people can make itself heard to good effect."

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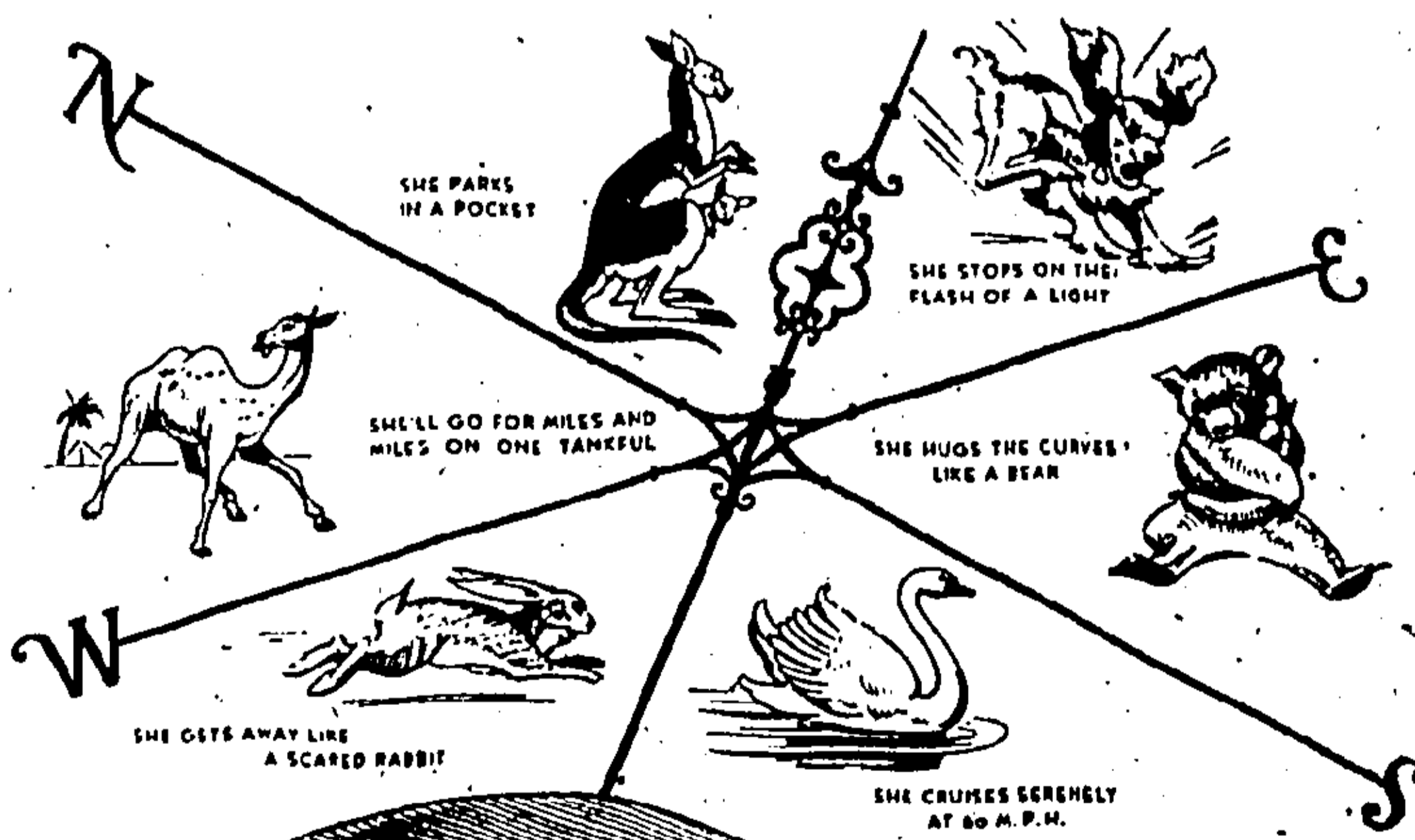
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The walk-out came after fail-

ure of Company executives and  
Union officials headed by the  
International President Walter  
Reuther to effect a settlement in  
last-minute negotiations. As the  
strike word flashed through  
plants, workers dropped their  
tools and streamed out of the  
shops.

Some of the first out came  
from the building where the  
speed-up at River Rouge was al-  
leged. The strikers quickly es-  
tablished a picket line at the  
main gate to the River Rouge  
plant. The carried large signs  
saying: "Ford is on strike."

### New Chapter

The Ford strike opened a  
new chapter in the stormy his-  
tory of motor-car labour.  
There has been only one other  
major strike at Ford since the  
late Henry Ford built his first  
car in 1903.

The sprawling Rouge plant was  
struck by CIO United Auto  
Workers and operations ceased on  
April 30th, 1941. Ten days  
later, Ford agreed to bargain with  
the Union.

The longest and costliest mo-  
tor-car strike was the 113-day  
walkout in UAW's war dispute  
with General Motors in 1946. A  
total of 175,000 workers gained  
an 18½-cent-hourly wage in-  
crease, but not before they lost  
\$128,000,000 in wages and the  
company and dealers lost an es-  
timated \$1,760,400.—United Press.

## Lebanon Warning On Palestine

**Lake Success, May 5.**  
The Lebanese delegate, Mr.  
Charles Malik, today warned  
the United Nations Political  
Committee that his Govern-  
ment might reconsider her at-  
titude to the Palestine Con-  
ciliation Commission if Israel is  
admitted to the United Nations  
without absolute assurances of  
Israel's respect for the Com-  
mission's terms of reference.

Mr. Malik said that the Con-  
ciliation Commission had only  
recently succeeded in starting  
negotiations for settling the Pal-  
estine problem. He asked whether  
the General Assembly is pre-  
pared to prejudice these negotia-  
tions in their initial stages by  
deciding to admit Israel now.

"The admission of Israel at  
this stage is looked upon by my  
Government as in part a revoca-  
tion of the resolution which set  
up the Conciliation Commission,"  
he added.

The Commission's terms of re-  
ference are not being respected  
by the Israeli Government, Mr.  
Malik said. "I am instructed by  
my Government to declare that,  
should Israel be now admitted  
to membership of the United Na-  
tions, without our being assured  
absolutely of Israel's respect for  
the terms of reference of the  
Commission, my Government will  
find itself called upon and en-  
titled to reconsider its decision  
towards the conversations going  
on at present in those areas."—  
Reuter.

## Free Gold Market Proposed

**Washington, May 5.**  
Senator Pat McCarran, Demo-  
crat from the silver-producing  
state of Nevada, today urged that  
a free gold market be re-estab-  
lished in the U.S.

He said that the present restric-  
tions on purchase and possession  
of gold by private citizens in the  
U.S. are absurd.  
He urged the Senate Judiciary  
Committee to recommend his bill  
which would repeal the restric-  
tions on gold exchange and con-  
tinue in operation the gold stan-  
dard act requiring the U.S. Treas-  
ury to buy all gold offered at  
\$35 an ounce.

Mr. McCarran said that in the  
past two years the Treasury  
bought more than \$3,700,000,000  
worth of gold and that 96 per-  
cent of it came from outside the  
U.S.

"We do not know what the  
Treasury proposes to do with this  
enormous mass of precious metal.  
It has never stated its intentions  
and, so far as I know, no policy  
with respect to this gold has ever  
been formulated."

"It is high time that we give  
serious thought to the use and  
disposition of this gold," he  
said.  
Mr. McCarran argues that a  
free gold market would make it  
easier to alter exchange rates,  
help set up a sound monetary  
policy and promote both domestic  
and international stability.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

## Asbestos Defies Authority

**Montreal, May 5.**  
The town of Asbestos, 75  
miles East of here, where three-  
quarters of the world's asbestos  
is manufactured, is in a state of  
near siege today after 5,000  
striking blocked roads and,  
armed with crowbars, stones,  
sticks and guns, defied the  
police.

Fifty police were marooned in  
the town and 200 reserves were  
rushed from Montreal and Quebec  
City to smash through the road  
blocks raised on all the routes of  
entry.

The strikers kidnapped some  
police and imprisoned them in a  
church crypt, but they were later  
released. The police were using  
tear-gas but claimed that they  
had orders not to shoot or use  
gas in any circumstances.

The strikers and their families,  
after a two-months' stoppage, are  
near starvation and Catholic  
Churches in Montreal, Quebec  
and other cities have been col-  
lecting money at their services to  
buy food for them.—Reuter.

## WESTERN EUROPE SETS UP ITS FIRST "PARLIAMENT"

**London, May 5.**  
Ten Western nations today set up Europe's first in-  
ternational "Parliament." The Foreign Min-  
isters of Britain, France, Holland, Luxembourg,  
Italy, Eire, Norway, Denmark and Sweden and  
the Belgian Ambassador signed a Charter in-  
augurating the new body, officially called the  
Council of Europe, at a 53-minute ceremony in  
London's historic St. James' Palace.  
The Council, which meets for the first time in Stras-  
bourg in August, sets out its aim in the Statute,  
which was signed today, as achieving greater  
unity to safeguard their common heritage and  
realise economic and social progress. National  
defence is not within its scope.

A Preparatory Commission will  
start work in Paris on May 11.  
Before setting the seal on the  
Statute and ending their three-  
day London conference, the dele-  
gates made short speeches in  
alphabetical order.

The British Foreign Secretary,  
Mr. Ernest Bevin, who signed  
last, said the Statute lays the  
foundations of something new  
and hopeful in European life.  
"We are witnessing today the estab-  
lishment of a common demo-  
cratic institution in this ancient  
continent of Europe. This is a  
truly historic occasion."

(In the House of Commons to-  
day, Mr. Herbert Morrison, De-  
puty Prime Minister, announced  
that Britain's representation will  
include members of the Opposi-

tion of Representatives of Govern-  
ments and a Consultative As-  
sembly. Each nation will have  
one representative on the Com-  
mittee, with one vote. Normally  
this will be the Foreign Minister  
or a Deputy who should, if  
possible, be a member of the  
Government.

The 87 members of the Con-  
sultative Assembly are divided  
as follows: Britain 13, Belgium  
3, Denmark 4, France 13, Ireland  
4, Italy 13, Luxembourg 3, The  
Netherlands 6, Norway 4,  
Sweden 6.

The Assembly will discuss and  
make recommendations on any  
topic passed on by the majority of  
the representatives' voting.

The Statute issued to-  
night on the setting up of the  
Council of Europe said that it is  
hoped the inaugural meeting will  
take place in Strasbourg during  
August, and that the first session  
will consequently be an event  
of profound significance in Euro-  
pean history.

The Statute noted the requests re-  
ceived from the Hellenic and  
Turkish Governments to be ad-  
mitted as members of the Coun-  
cil of Europe. It was the general  
view that the accession of these  
two States would be acceptable  
and it was agreed that the mat-  
ter should be dealt with under  
the Statute by the Committee of  
Ministers as soon as it comes into  
being.

"The possibility of accession to  
the Statute by other European  
States will be considered by the  
Committee of Ministers at the  
same time."

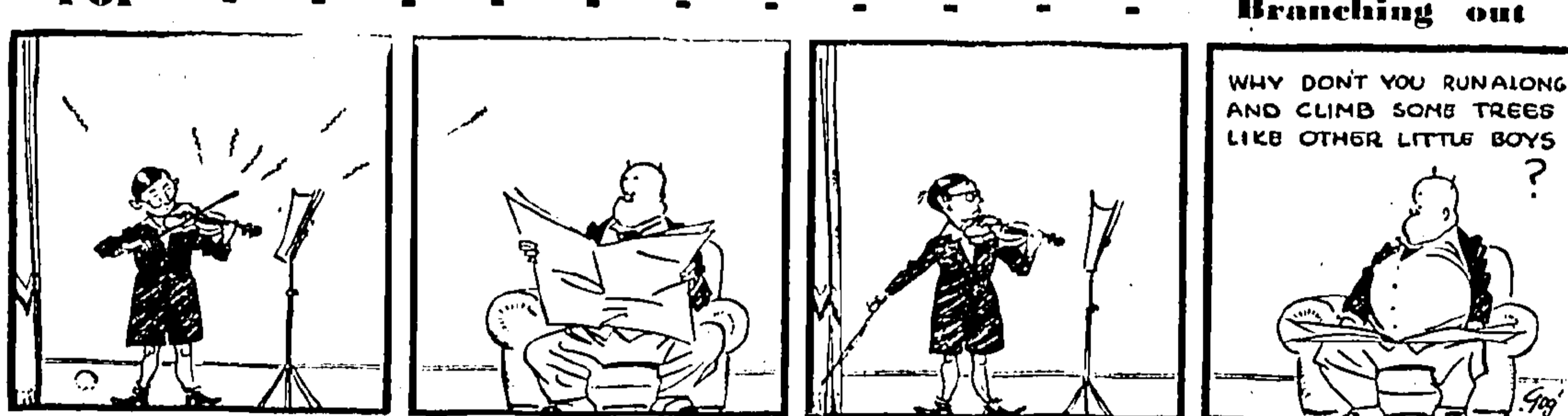
**Not Military**  
The Statute disclosed  
that the Ministers, before dis-  
persing, today held the first  
meeting of the Preparatory  
Commission of the Council of  
Europe under the chairman-  
ship of the French Foreign  
Minister, M. Schuman.

They nominated M. Camille  
Paris, of the French Foreign  
Office, as the Executive Secretary  
and agreed that their next meet-  
ing should take place in Paris on  
May 11.

Commenting on the provisions  
of the Statute for the Council of  
Europe, the Statute said:  
"It should be noted that questions  
of national defence are excluded  
from the scope of the Coun-  
cil of Europe. This is because  
there is no question here of any  
military alliance but rather, as  
the preamble to the Statute says,  
of a general desire to achieve  
peace and to bring about a  
greater unity for the purpose of  
safeguarding and realising these  
ideals which are the common  
heritage of the members."

In the preamble, the members  
declare that they are convinced  
that the pursuit of peace, based  
on justice and international co-  
operation, is vital for the pre-  
servation of human society and  
civilisation.—Reuter.

### POP



### MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



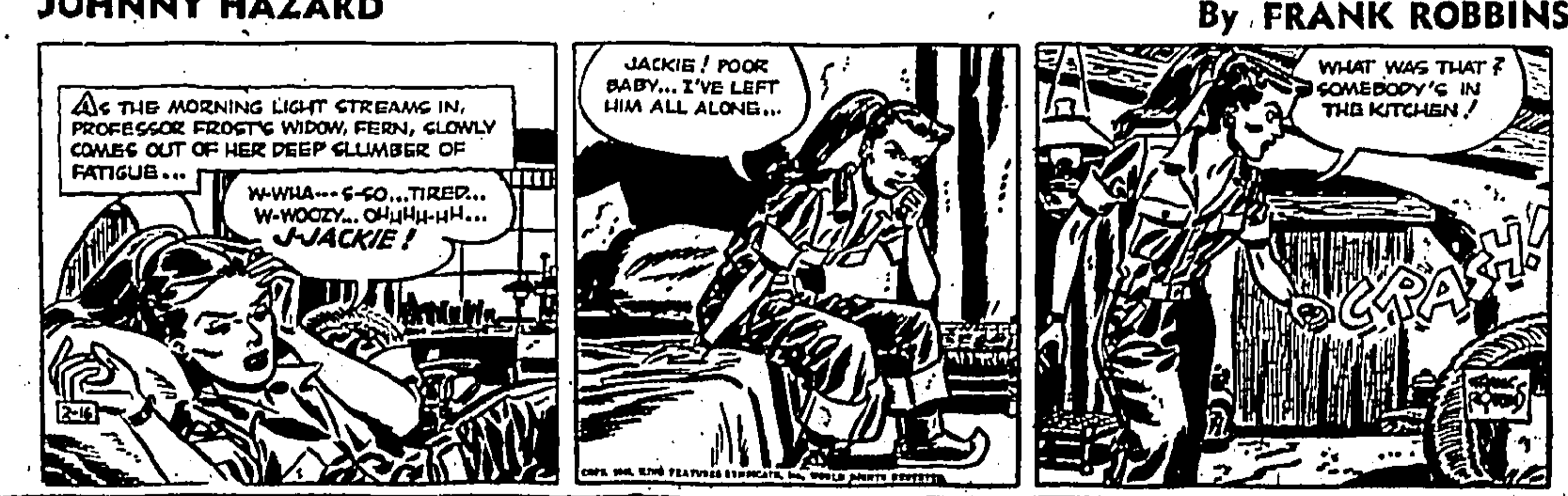
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# FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## EUROPEAN PRODUCTION SHOWS A STEADY RISE

### Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The amount of business written this week—\$3,254,137—has been the heaviest recorded for this year. The number of shares that has been liquidated on account of outport orders has been well absorbed and it is a matter for surprise that this has been accomplished without bringing prices down. Indeed prices have remained remarkably steady and in a few instances some advance-ment is shown. There is a buying element here that is satisfied most stocks are too low or that investments at present levels are going to yield attractive returns.

The Directors of China Light & Power have declared an interim dividend of 40 cents on the Old shares and a proportionate amount on the 1949 issue, payable on May 8, both less tax.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:

4½% Loan (1954 & 1959) 102½.

3½% Loan (1949) 102½.

BANKS:

H.K. & S. Bank, 100½.

Chartered Bank, 110½.

Meenchi Bank, 110½.

Bank of East Asia, 110½.

INSURANCES:

Union Ins. Co., 100½.

China Underwriters, 110½.

H.K. Fire Ins., 100½.

SHIPPING:

Douglas, 237½.

H.K. & S. Steamship, 110½.

Indo China (Pte.), 110½.

Shanghai, 110½.

Union Waterways, 110½.

Asia Nav., 70½.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.:

H.K. & S. Wharves, 110½.

North Point Wharves, 110½.

Shanghai Hongkong Wharves, 110½.

H.K. Docks, 110½.

China Dockers, 110½.

Shanghai Dockyards, 110½.

Wharves, 110½.

MINING:

Rash Mines, 110½.

H.K. Mines, 110½.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:

H.K. & S. Hotels, 110½.

H.K. Lands, 110½.

Shanghai Lands, 110½.

H.K. Docks, 110½.

China Dockers, 110½.

Shanghai Dockyards, 110½.

Wharves, 110½.

MINING:

Rash Mines, 110½.

American diplomats report that a formal U.S. resolution to the Far East Commission would allow the Japanese to raise loans and make trade, economic and commercial agreements. Britain and France are reported to be strongly opposed to the move. The sources said the proposal will be debated by the Commission very shortly.

The British Foreign Office refused to comment on the subject. The American policy is to turn the Allied Occupation Army in Japan into a protective force and hand over to the Japanese as many powers as are compatible with security it is stated.

The occupation of the defeated country is costing American taxpayers almost \$500,000,000 annually.

"If that load is to be taken off the United States, Japan has to get on its own feet by borrowing money, entering economic and commercial contracts and generally running its own affairs," one American diplomat said.

The specific purpose of the U.S. resolution to the Far Eastern Commission would be to allow Japan to do these things. But final responsibility for individual decisions would still remain vested in the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, General Douglas MacArthur.

Trade Fears

Britain opposes the move because the Commonwealth countries like Australia, India, New Zealand fear that an uncontrolled Japan may again threaten their security, and because Japan has always been one of Britain's main foreign trade competitors.

In pre-war days Japan often undersold goods, like textiles, at the expense of Britain's industries, and frequent fears have been expressed that it will happen again.

France is believed to be against the idea because to re-establish

virtual Japanese independence before completion of a peace treaty would create a precedent in regard to Germany.

Britain and France are consulting each other over the answer they should give the United States, the informants said.

The body, set up to control international radio transmission frequencies, is to meet soon in Paris or Geneva. More than 50 nations belong to it, including the great powers.—Associated Press.

Money Market

US dollars closed at HK\$10 yesterday after opening at \$6.18. Plastics went up to HK\$11.30 a 100. The opening rate was \$11.05.

Gold was unchanged at HK\$24.00 a 100.

NY Gold remained stationary but firm at HK\$35 a 100. Sterling, continuing its climb, closed at HK\$10.45.

Australian pounds went up 10 cents to HK\$18.70.

LONDON STOCKS

London, May 6. Individual issues made some good gains on the London stock exchange yesterday. Otherwise the market was mixed. Cable and Wireless climbed 3½ to 223½. Oils made the best showing, with buying of Anglo-Iran uncovering a light supply. Kaffirs eased. Gilt-edged issues were steady to buoyant.

Financial Times' Index: 1157. —Associated Press.

U.S. TARIFFS

London, May 6. A Board of Trade official complained today that United States tariffs hinder America's recovery plan for Europe.

A. C. Bottomley, Secretary for Overseas Trade, said: "Whereas the U.S.A. are giving very generous help, they still retain very heavy tariffs on some goods, which prevent us sending supplies to pay for the goods we buy."—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, May 6. Mission Solved arrived yesterday from Yokohama; Joplin Victory on Wednesday from Okinawa.

Los Angeles: Philippine Transport arrived on Wednesday from Manila; Montana yesterday from Yokohama; Alexander White sailed yesterday for Yokohama.

Seattle: Jackstar arrived yesterday from Manila; Harbinger from Yokohama.—Associated Press.

## New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 6. The stock market tried to continue Wednesday's advance yesterday, but failed. Many stocks wandered aimlessly during the day. Selling of selected shares became a trifle more insistent later in the day. 920,000 shares changed hands. Of 1,000 issues, 423 advanced, 255 declined.

American Telephone sank fractionally to 142 ¼, its lowest price in five years. The market expects present equity to be reduced by issuance of additional shares.

Richfield Oil momentarily hit a new high for the year, but closed down 3/4 at 37 ¾.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 63.45; 20 Industrials 176.53; 15 Ralls 47.52; 10 Utilities 55.60.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 18 ¾.

Alaska Juneau 3 ¾.

American Can 82 ¾.

American Smelting 45 ½.

American Telephone 142 ¼.

American Tobacco 68 ¾.

American Waterworks 7 ¾.

Anacosta Copper 29 ¾.

Aviation Corp. 6 ¾.

Baldwin Locomotive 10 ¾.

Barnsdall 44 ¾.

Bendix Aviation 31 ¾.

Bethlehem Steel 29 ¾.

Billing Aircraft 21 ¾.

Borden Co. 41 ¾.

Canadian Pacific 12 ¾.

C.I. Case 34 ¾.

Chrysler 51 ¾.

Colgate 35 ¾.

Commercial Solvents 15 ¾.

Corn Products 63 ¾.

Du Pont 101 ¾.

Eastman Kodak 44 ¾.

Electric Light & Power 24 ¾.

General Electric 87 ¾.

General Motors 50 ¾.

Goodrich 66 ¾.

Goodyear 42 ¾.

Homestead Mining 40 ¾.

International Harvester 24 ¾.

International Paper 47 ¾.

International Tel. & Tel. 10 ¾.

Johns Manville 33 ¾.

Kennecott Copper 44 ¾.

Kumonary Ward 54 ¾.

National Distillers 17 ¾.

National Lead 20 ¾.

New York Central 11 ¾.

Packard Motors 3 ¾.

Pan American Airways 9 ¾.

Pennsylvania RR 15 ¾.

Radio Corp. 12 ¾.

Real Silk 12 ¾.

Remington Rand 8 ¾.

Republic Steel 21 ¾.

Reynolds Tobacco 35 ¾.

Sears Roebuck 38 ¾.

Shell Oil 35 ¾.

Society Vacuum 10 ¾.

Southern Pacific 40 ¾.

Standard Brands 18 ¾.

Standard Oil of Calif. 69 ¾.

Standard Oil of N.J. 65 ¾.

Studebaker 19 ¾.

Union Bag 25 ¾.

Union Carbide 38 ¾.

US Rubber 37 ¾.

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Westinghouse 22 ¾.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube 66 ¾.

Gen. Pub. Utilities 14 ¾.

—Associated Press.

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